

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

1949

Golf Club Plans New Year's Dance

The Grayling Golf Club is sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance to be held at the Grayling High School gym on Saturday evening, December 31. Dancing will start at 9 P. M. and will continue until 1 A. M.

Dance music will be furnished by a 7 piece dance band from East Lansing, who regularly appear on a radio program. Noisemakers and favors will be given out at midnight and the big feature of the evening will be the determining of who will drive home from the dance in a brand new 1950 automobile.

Tickets are \$1.25 per person, tax included, and they are now on sale. The dress is optional, either formal or semi-formal. The Golf Club directors are hoping the dance will be a big success in order that it might be made an annual affair offering a nice holiday party for the people of Grayling and vicinity.

Red Cross Making Layettes

Mrs. Minnie Hartley, Red Cross production chairman, reports that one complete layette has been given out and four more are ready to go. Members of Home Extension Group One have been contributing their time to this project. Materials are furnished by the Red Cross. Any individual or group interested in helping with this project are asked to contact Mrs. Hartley. Mrs. Hartley and her helpers work in co-ordination with Mrs. J. L. Martin, who investigates the needs of the families.

Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Oaks of 1225 Avenue B, Flint, held open house on December 11, to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

About 100 relatives and friends came to offer congratulations.

Beautiful floral gifts and lighted tapers made the rooms very festive. Among the musical numbers offered during the afternoon were "Anniversary Waltz," "I Love You Truly," "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet." The one that really topped them all, sung by grandchildren, was the old-timer, "I Want a Girl Just Like the Girl That Married Our Granddad." Mrs. Oaks was the former Betty Wilcox of Pere Cheney. They were married in Grayling by Rev. C. F. Hill on December 4, 1889.

Their children, Mrs. Ruby West and Ralph Oaks of Clio, Harry Oaks of Detroit, were there to help them celebrate.

They have eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Those who attended from here were Mrs. Laura Parker of Roscommon, Mrs. S. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. John Stephan and daughter, Miss Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. Hurl Deckrow.

COLORADO WEDDING OF INTEREST HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gildner announce the marriage of their daughter, Lillian, to Sgt. Charles Avery, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Avery of Mancelona.

Rev. Howard Hanson officiated at the double-ring ceremony which was performed at the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 2:30 P. M. on December 3rd. Attending the couple were Miss Dorothy Schleezel and Louis Carson of that city.

Sgt. and Mrs. Avery have the very best wishes of their many friends.

MRS. ADA KNIGHT PASSES ON

Final rites were to be read at Michelson Memorial Church, Wednesday, December 21, at 2 P. M. for Mrs. Ada Ellen Knight. Rev. R. C. Puffer is to officiate and burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery. Pallbearers are Sam Rasmussen, Johannes Rasmussen, Perry Akers, James Lynch, Dan Hoesli and Jim McDowell.

Mrs. Knight, who was born Ada Ellen Rose in Toronto, Canada, March 25th, 1873, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Gierke, Sunday evening, December 18th. She had been ill for nine years.

Mrs. Knight had been a resident of Grayling for the past forty-five years. She came to Grayling from West Branch in 1904 as an employee of the Michigan Central Railroad Company. On February 28, 1906 she became the bride of Elmer E. Knight who preceded her in death in 1918. She was a member of the M. E. Church and Ladies Aid and a member of the West Branch choir for twelve years. Surviving besides Mrs. Gierke, is a daughter Mrs. Chris Piehl of Gaylord.

Eldorado News

Mr. Frank and Clayton Ireland of Jackson spent the week end at the Frank Ireland cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Terry of Owosso were callers at the Robert Funch home Saturday.

Arnold Schibo is driving a new 1950 Ford.

Edward Wehnes of Muskegon spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Katie Wehnes, and family.

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Vikings Take Pair Of Victories Before Tourney

The Grayling High Vikings took a brace of basketball victories last week at the expense of the Roscommon Bucks and Pellston to prove that they are a much better road team than a home team. All three of this year's wins have come away from home while in their two appearances here they have lost.

Last Tuesday night at Roscommon the Vikings jumped into a 14 to 5 lead in the first quarter and were never headed. The Grayling boys played alert heads up ball with their floor work good and shooting way beyond what they had shown at home. The back board play of the front line, Ernie Miller Jack Trudeau and Jim Feldhauser was really outstanding with Trudeau racking up 20 points in the driving Viking offensive. Jim Feldhauser added 14 points, Miller 9 and Hank Feldhauser and Ellery Horning 2 each. O. Mead with 6 led the Bucks. The final score was 47 to 25. On defense, the Vikings looked good as they made the Roscommon shooting erratic and hurried.

At Pellston on Friday night, the Grayling team managed to eke out a victory 29 to 22 in a low scoring defensive contest. Pellston threw a tight zone defense at the Vikings and due to the narrow field on playing floor nearly upset the dope bucket along with the Grayling five. The Vikings' offense was nearly stalled but defensively they met the challenge by holding the northerners to 22 points.

The Pellston defense being in tight, the Viking guards began shooting from out and couldn't seem to hit. Then started the all most impossible task of working the ball into the defense for shorter shots. Trudeau proved adept

at worming into small holes and getting shots off as he racked up 14 points to lead the team's scoring again. Jim Feldhauser added 6, Ernie Miller 5 and Bob Rasmussen and Wilfred Laurent 2 each.

Wilson, Hornet forward with 9 points and Emerson, Pellston center with 8 led the loser's cause. The Hornet's had a good backboard outfit and gave the Grayling tall front line a real workout. If Grayling missed a shot, the Hornets came up with the ball. The same was true when the Pellston shots missed the basket a Viking came out of the melee with the ball. The defense set up with the defender playing inside gave him the advantage on picking up the rebounds.

The drawings have been completed for the High School Christmas Tourney which will be held here on Wednesday and Thursday, December 28 and 29. The first game set for 7:30 Wednesday night will pair Roscommon against Kalkaska and at 9 P. M. Grayling and Mancelona will meet. On Thursday evening the two losers will meet at 7:30 with the two winners clashing at 9 P. M. for the tournament championship as well as a trophy and medals for all the members of the victorious team. Grayling is conceded a real edge in the tournament as they have already defeated Roscommon and Mancelona. The Ironmen have in turn taken the measure of Kalkaska in a meeting a week or so back.

The Vikings next scheduled game is on January 6 when the powerful Charlevoix Rayders will invade the Grayling gym in a Northern Class C Conference game.

Indies Lose To West Branch

The Grayling Independents lost to the West Branch Producers last Wednesday night in West Branch, 51 to 46, in a fast hard played, but extremely well refereed game.

Producer's Coach Janish again led his team to victory with 19 points, with center Jerry Garner counting 11 points. Grayling's attack was led by Ted Bennett with 14 points and Chuck Feldhauser with 12. Sandy and Ross Thompson each added 7 points and Ed Smith 6.

The West Branch quintet trailed by a 12 to 7 count at the end of the first quarter, but fought back to trail only 26 to 24 by half time. In the final half, the Producers scored 27 points to Grayling's 20 to win the contest. The uncanny shooting of Janish, Garner and Windy Davis in the final part of the game clinched the win.

In the preliminary game, the West Branch second team defeated a Grayling reserve team 43 to 32. Reminder with 23 points led the victors while Clyde Anthony with 11 paced the Grayling scoring. Jim Kolka added 8 for Grayling along with Bob Smock. Bob Annis scored 3 and Vernon Rasmussen 2.

The Independents are scheduled to travel to Harrison on December 28 to meet that city's team in a Mid-State League contest. This is the only game set so far for the Grayling Indies in 1949.

Five Fined In Justice Court

Five men were fined in Justice Court in Grayling during the past week. William C. Gilliland of Alpena pleaded guilty to breaking a Michigan Public Service Commission ruling before Justice Van Smith last Wednesday morning and was fined \$50 and \$8 costs. He was also placed under a year's probation. The charge was underpaying men who were hired along with their trucks to work on a road project near Camp Grayling.

The defendant, along with his father, William H. Gilliland, received the contract for the job from the state.

Attorney John Donahue entered a guilty plea for four defendants he represented at Justice Court Wednesday afternoon before Justice Lawrence Galehouse. The defendants, William LaChapelle, Robert Nelson, Marian Shaw and Frank Strader were all accused of playing a card game for stakes. They were fined \$10 and costs of \$6.65.

1949-50 SCHOOL CALENDAR

December 22-January 2, closed for Christmas. Reopen January 3, January 23, second semester begins.

April 7-14, closed for Easter. May 30, closed for Decoration Day.

June 4, Baccalaureate. June 8, Commencement.

LeRoy Akers, Infant Passes Suddenly

The deepest sympathy of all is extended to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Akers in the loss of their infant son, LeRoy Perry Francis Akers on Thursday, December 15. The little fellow not yet a year old passed away of cancer at Mercy Hospital, after only a days illness. He had been born at the hospital on December 22, 1948.

Final rites were read at St. Mary's Church at 9 A. M. on December 17. Rev. Fr. John Breitenstein officiated. Interment was at the mausoleum of Elmwood Cemetery. James Kernosey, Roy and Leo Lovely of Grayling and Richard L. Nelson of Battle Creek were pallbearers.

Surviving besides the parents are the grandparents, Perry Akers and Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaMotte.

Among those here from a distance for the services were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and daughters, Sharon Lee and Patsy Ann of Lincoln Park, Mrs. Joseph Penetrack of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Nelson and son, Mark, of Battle Creek and Donald Akers of St. Charles.

P. T. A. Meeting December 14, 1949

Bob Meaker brought the question of teen age entertainment up before the Parent-Teachers meeting Wednesday evening, December 14, when they met at the school. The question of teaching them old time dances was also brought up. Mr. Lovely brought up the subject of a community building, where we could hold dances under supervision for the children, certain nights and maybe roller skating. It would also be at the disposal of organizations who wish to give banquets or other entertainments.

But the main point was a place of entertainment for the younger set. This is to be brought up at the next meeting, Wednesday, January 28th, at the high school at 8 o'clock. If you are at all interested or have any ideas be at this next meeting and let us hear them.

Dick Lovely read the secretary's report in the absence of Mrs. Deckrow. Mrs. Smith gave the treasurer's report. Mr. Lovely gave the report on the merchant's day party. The P. T. A. held on Saturday, December 3rd. After all bills had been paid we had a profit of \$236.86. He also thanked the people on the committee, who helped him and all the merchants who so kindly donated the prizes and the other people who so graciously gave cash donations.

Mrs. Papendick reported one hundred fifty-six memberships sold, the down river group hadn't reported in yet.

Mrs. Arthur received the dollar for the open house in November and Mrs. Cline's sixth grade won the dollar for this meeting.

Mr. Cox, program chairman turned the meeting over to Mrs. Christians who had a number of his hand students play several lovely selections. They were Sue Giegling, Ruth Decker, Barbara Nelson, Lee Nolan, Phyllis Ziebell, Dick Souder, Nancy Hoesli, Shirley Souder, Iris Annis and Sally Gross. The program was presented first as some of the children wanted to go to another activity being held there at the school.

Coffee and dainty Christmas cookies were served in the home extension room. The serving table was centered by a small Christmas tree and a lighted red candle was at each end. Serving on the lunch committee were Mrs. George Wiggins, Mrs. Clarence Lange, Mrs. Thomas Standil, Mrs. Leo Lovely, Mrs. Helen Warner, Mrs. Elizabeth Atkinson, Mrs. Don Weaver, Mrs. Louis Hayes, Mrs. Merrill Marshall, Mrs. D. Stillwagon, Mrs. Caid, third grade teacher and Mrs. Arthur, second grade teacher.

Legion Auxiliary Now

A communication from Rhea Donoghue of Bay City, Tenth District Radio Chairman advises of a Legion Auxiliary National radio program to be broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company and originating from New York on December 24 from 2 to 2:30 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.

The program will feature Morton Downey, his quartette and orchestra as well as Christmas carols by the National Championship Auxiliary Chairman. A talk to veterans in hospitals all over the country will be given by Mrs. Shehee, National President of the Legion Auxiliary.

We are requested to shower the radio station on which we hear the broadcast with cards of appreciation and to send "thank you" cards to Morton Downey, 20 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. Margaret Balch, Publicity chairman.

O. P. Schumann Laid To Rest Tuesday



OSCAR P. SCHUMANN

Former Avalanche Publisher Passes At Home Sunday

Edited Grayling Weekly For Third Of Century

Oscar P. Schumann, 76, who passed away peacefully at his home at 8:15 A. M. Sunday morning following several months illness, was laid to rest in solemn funeral rites from the Michelson Memorial Church Tuesday afternoon.

"O. P." as he was better known to Grayling residents, had published and edited the Crawford County Avalanche for a third of a century, acquiring the county seat weekly newspaper in 1911 and serving continuously as its editor and publisher until 1944 when he sold the business.

As a chronicler of Grayling, he was without peer as for 33 years he had reported the hopes and joys as well as the sadness and sorrows of the Crawford County residents. Births, marriages, deaths, news of all descriptions for over three decades had unrolled under his pen, pencil and typewriter.

When he purchased the newspaper in 1911 from Dr. Oscar Palmer he was faced with a weekly publication of 300 circulation. The building which housed the paper (and still does) was heated by stoves and lighted by kerosene lamps. All of the news as well as ads were set from loose type by hand. In his 33 years as editor, O. P. saw his newspaper grow to 1,100 circulation, its lights turn to electricity, its heat to a modern steam plant oil-fired, its type setting equipment of the latest design as well as the rest of the machinery of a printing plant. And it was all topped off when the Avalanche under his guidance won honorable mention as the newest weekly newspaper in Michigan from the Michigan Press Association.

As a civic-minded citizen, O. P. Schumann stood in the first line. At all times and everywhere he extolled the virtues of Grayling and Crawford County. In newspaper circles throughout Michigan he was referred to as the traveling secretary of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce. He was publicity chairman of so many organizations that it would be impossible to list them. He was a life member of the Grayling Lodge, No. 356 F. and A. M., he was a charter member and third president of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling, a member of the Charter Commission that drew the charter when Grayling turned from a village government to the present city manager type of government, a member of the old Grayling Board of Trade and Grayling Social Club, the present Grayling Chamber of Commerce, the Grayling Golf Club, the Michigan Outdoors Writer's Association, the University of Michigan Press Club, the Michigan Press Association, and the Knights of Pythias Lodge. He was vice-president of the University Press Club and served a term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Press Association. He also served as Justice of the Peace in 1911 for many years.

One of his greatest thrills in writing was a time when he was asked to be guest editor of the Hastings Banner (where he started his newspaper career) during the absence of Richard Cook, the present editor. He contributed a column which contained memories of Hastings as he remembered a boy and young man. The recollection of people and places made interesting reading to anyone whether they knew the city or not. He again told of the virtues of Grayling with its four season recreational program, as well as short paragraphs or two on his thoughts about an editor and his job both to the community and to his paper and himself.

The former Avalanche editor and publisher was born on June 15, 1873, to Eleanor Maus and Peter Schumann in Hastings. He left Hastings in 1888 and moved to Hudson where he was united in marriage with Miss Grace A. Lytle on July 15, 1905. After acquiring the Avalanche and moving here in 1911, he also took over the Pacific Fire Insurance Agency in 1912 from Dr. Palmer. Mr. Schumann was also a real estate dealer many years.

Rev. R. C. Puffer officiated at the services Tuesday afternoon at 2 P. M. at the Michelson Memorial Church. His favorite hymn was "My Task."

State Oil and Gas Leases Up In 1949

Oil and gas leasing activity on state-owned land in 1949 swelled the state's general fund by a record \$1,200,000 in bonuses, rentals and royalties, or about \$180,000 more than in 1948.

In the four public oil and gas lease auctions conducted by the Conservation Department in 1949, nearly 240,000 acres were placed under lease to oil companies and independent operators, slightly more than the record 239,000 acres successfully bid on in 1948.

State-owned land now under standard five-year lease for oil and gas exploration now totals 670,000 acres, highest in history. Records of the department's lands division shows 270 oil wells and 24 gas wells active on state-owned land during the year.

Continued expansion of the Beaver Creek oil field in Crawford County accounted for a substantial increase in royalties paid to the state.

ENTERTAIN WITH FAREWELL PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kovach were hosts last Wednesday evening to over sixty guests for dinner, dancing and a social evening to honor Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dudewicz. The party was to bid farewell to the honored guests, who are leaving to spend the winter in California, after selling their business here. Guests were seated at a long table appropriately centered with evergreen, tapers and a Christmas scene. The general manager of Roscommon served as toastmaster following dinner. "Duke" and "Irene" were extended the very best wishes of the entire group.



The rabbit hunting is excellent . . . and here is photo proof. Pictured are 18 snowshoe rabbits taken in Big Creek near Lovell's one afternoon last week by (from left to right) Soronten, Pat Harwood, Alvin Annis and Frank May. All of the rabbits were taken by the "hunters" group, "Queonco" and "Buck," who spent the afternoon with the rabbits out to the four hunters to furnish a real thrilling trip.

WANT ADS

TELEPHONE 3111

RATES—Advertisements in this department cost 35 cents for 25 words or less for each insertion. For more than 25 words one cent a word for each insertion. Rates for display advertising in the classified columns on application. Orders by mail should be accompanied by cash or postage stamps. An extra charge of 10c will be made for blind ads and if it is necessary to bill for an advertisement that has been charged.

The Want Ad Department closes for each week's edition at 5:30 P. M. on Tuesday.

HANDSAW FILING—Any kind, also knives, axes, draw knives, planes, shears, chisels or anything you have to sharpen. Ed Bowen, 704 Ionia. Phone 4941. 7-24 tf

DRESS MAKING—Alterations and other types of sewing wanted. Mrs. Hatley. Phone 4861. 2-10 tf

PHOTO FINISHING, developing, printing, enlarging, 3 day service. Leave films at Dad Hanson's Sporting Goods, Callahan's Sunoco Service, 101 McClellan. Hauxwell Photo Service, 802 Plum St., Grayling. Phone 44 66. April 14 tf

FOR NEW BUILDING, alterations or repairs, foundation to roof, fireplaces, chimneys, tile floors laid. Nelson S. Wyman, Grayling. Phone 4531 or call Martin's Hi-Speed. St. 9-9

FOR SALE—The Jorgenson home on Maple Street, 2 bedrooms, living, dining, kitchen and bath. Full basement, steam furnace. 2 car garage. A nice location. \$4,350. Art Clough Realty, Grayling. 11-10 ft

RIETH THE WATCHMAKER—If Rieth can't repair your watch, throw it away. We have repaired over 75,000 watches and clocks. We buy old gold, watches, clocks, diamonds, shotguns and rifles. Mail or bring to Ed C. Rieth, "Rieth Haven," Grayling, Near Wakeley Bridge. Phone 4174. 4-14 tf

FOR SALE—900 Maple, 2 bedrooms, dining, large living, large kitchen with built in, bath, full basement, hot air furnace, large upstairs unfinished, new garage. Either 1 1/2 or 4 lots. Good business location as well as a nice new home. Art Clough. 11-24 tf

RAWLEIGH GOOD HEALTH PRODUCTS—Christmas gifts. Once used always used. Your Rawleigh dealer E. J. Dyer, 300 Brink St. 1-8-15-22

CAN FURNISH machine made button holes. Mrs. Ed. Bowen, 704 Ionia, St. Phone 4341. City. 10-13 tf

SNOWBLOWING OF DRIVEWAYS by the hour or by the season. Call the Hi-Speed Station. Phone 2241. 12-1 tf

FOR SALE—Large home on Spruce Street, 3 bedrooms up, 1 down, living room, parlor, dining, kitchen and bath. All oak floors. Full basement with stoker steam furnace. Garage. Near school. Good buy at \$5,700. Art Clough Realty, City. 12-8 tf

WANTED—Couple to live at my home 3 1/2 miles from Grayling (down river) and share expenses. Mrs. Wm. Lenartz. Phone 4113. 8-15-22

PAPER TABLE CLOTH—500 ft. roll \$5.25. Avalanche Office. tf

FOR SALE—Ski boots, girls, size 9, \$4.44 length winter coat, size 10, \$4.44. Girls Scout uniform, complete, size 10, \$4. Phone Avalanche 3111. 15-22

FOR SALE—Ten room home with two baths, in excellent condition. Electric hot water heater, Laundromat and dining suite included. Priced for quick sale. Phone 2201. 12-15 tf

PERSONAL—The Mercy Hospital of Grayling is a member of the Northeastern Michigan Blood Bank. Watch this column for announcement of the date of the arrival of the Mobile Blood Bank Team. Register with the Chief Laboratory Technician at your hospital to donate your blood in your local Blood Bank for your use, your relatives or your friends. Or should you wish to be a "Walking Blood Bank." 15-22-29-5

FOR SALE—Northern Spy apples. We deliver. Write King's Orchards, Houghton King and Sons, Houghton Lake, Mich. 15-22-29-5-12-19

MIMEOGRAPH PAPER, 8 1/2 x 11, in 500 sheet packages. Avalanche Office. tf

POULTRY AND EGGS FOR SALE—Order now for Xmas. F. J. Leng 507 Ottawa. Phone 3201. 15-22

FOR SALE—Bell & Howell Filmo-Master 8 M. M. projector, 300 ft. cap. Phone 2011 or see it at 707 Maple Street. 22

FOR SALE—New fish shanty, light weight, \$25. Want jig saw. D. Dick, Oxbow, Grayling, Mich. 22-29

WANT TO BUY—6 to 10 wild 40 acre tracts of land that will be suitable to trade with the Conservation Department for other land wanted by me. Must be low priced. Send complete particulars. Thomas C. McDonald, 9200 W. Fort St., Detroit 9, Michigan. 22-29-5-12

LOST—Near Lovells Saturday, 2 hounds, black and white, 1 brown. If found, notify Frank Muth, Brink St., City. 22

FOR SALE—2 front quarters beef, weighing 67 pounds, at 42c per pound. Will deliver. Norval Stephan. Phone 4101. 22

For Rent
Lost or Found
For Sale
Wanted to Buy
Miscellaneous

FOR RENT—Three room unfurnished apartment. Heat furnished. Private front and back entrance. Thorwald Sorenson, 708 Ionia. Phone 4352. 22

FOR RENT—Modern apartments furnished. Frigidaire, bath, hot water, kitchenette, electric stove. Newly decorated desirable downtown location. Reasonable. Phone 4047. 809 Michigan Ave. 12-22 tf

WANTED TO BUY—Used tricycle and doll buggy. Phone 3111. Avalanche. 22

LADIES—Clip ad, pin one dollar bill to it for line sliding clothes pin bag mailed, postage paid. Perrine Sales Agency, Lox Box 53, Shepherd, Michigan. 22

CHICKS THE YEAR ROUND—Day old and started. Barred Rocks, White Rocks, White Leghorns, New Hampshire, Easter order discounts. Sterling Poultry Farm and Hatchery, Sterling, Michigan. USROP Breeding Farm. 12-22 tf

PERSONALIZED stationery. Name and address on paper and envelopes. \$1 per box. Avalanche Office. tf

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO PERSONS CONDUCTING BUSINESS UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME.

Pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 151 of the Public Acts of the Michigan State Legislature, Session of 1949, Notice is hereby given that all persons owning, conducting and transacting business under an assumed name expires at 5 P. M. on the 22nd day of September, 1949, and failure to file a certificate on or before December 21, 1949, pursuant to the above act, and pay a fee of \$2 on or before the expiration date above mentioned, shall on said day constitute an abandonment of said assumed name, and subject the said persons liable thereunder.

The penalty for failure to file under the act is a \$100 fine or by a 30 day jail sentence, or both. Each day of failure to file may be constituted as a separate offense. Also failing to file the certificate shall prohibit the person failing to file from bringing suit, action or proceeding in any court in the state in relation to any business conducted by him under the assumed name.

County Clerk Leo Lovely has the necessary forms at his office to file to protect the name used by any business.

Leo E. Lovely,
Crawford County Clerk,
Grayling, Michigan.

Frederic News

Glad to see Mrs. W. Kruse is able to be out again.

Mrs. Maude Short was in Traverse City last Thursday.

C. S. Barber is on the sick list also Mrs. Bessie Cooke.

About 50 Moms and husbands were at Moms Xmas party. The table decorations was a lovely centerpiece, Santa and his reindeer. Silver, gold, pink and blue Xmas trees on tables. A Xmas tree all enjoyed a lovely supper. Exchange of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knox of Saginaw was up to see Grandma Smock Saturday.

Ottis Weaver is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Harry Horton left Friday for a few days in Royal Oak and Detroit.

Mrs. Cassidy of Waters is visiting her daughter Mary Ryan and children.

Mrs. Arvie Cox and grand-children are up to visit her son and family, the George Benjamins.

We understand the Dohn Weaver family has rented the Sandy Harvey home and is now getting ready to live there.

South Branch

The community was greatly shocked last Friday to hear of the death of Mrs. Kate Selmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peterson and Mrs. Bob Phillips spent Monday in Traverse City shopping.

Mrs. Julius Kreuzer and son of Pontiac spent the week end at their cabin on M-76.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Selmes left Saturday for Pontiac to attend the funeral of their daughter-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patch and family of Detroit are spending a few days visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Patch.

Maple Forest

Mrs. Arnold Plagens was hostess at the Home Extension club last Tuesday afternoon. Everything was carried out in the Christmas theme. A musical contest was won by Mrs. Archie Howse. Other prize winners were Bessie Feldhauser, Mrs. Bert Plagens and Mrs. Jack Feldhauser. Gifts were exchanged and everyone had a delightful time. Mrs. Ivan Hamblin assisted the hostess with the delicious lunch.

Richard Reava, son of Mrs. Roy Johnston, is ill.

Henry Verlinde is spending a few days in Detroit.

The Sunday School Christmas party was held Monday evening.

The Community Christmas party will be held this Thursday evening, December 22. The T. N. T. Club have worked hard on a program for your enjoyment, and with the aid of the Home Extension Club the usual treats for the children have been prepared. Let's all turn out to wish our neighbors "A Merry Christmas." Be on hand at 8:30. A potluck lunch will finish off the evening.

(Too Late For Last Week)

The Home Extension Club and T. N. T. Club urge everyone in the community to attend the Christmas program at the Town Hall next week, December 22, at 8:30 o'clock. A potluck lunch will be served after the program.

The community extends sympathy to the Dohn Weaver family in the total loss of their home by fire last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Weaver has been a patient at Mercy Hospital for over two weeks.

Roy Papenfuss attended a health meeting in Kalkaska last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Miles of Leslie spent a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Owen and family.

Keith Babbitt of Detroit came during the week on business and to see his mother, Mrs. Pearl Babbitt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hummel and Mrs. Stanley Hummel and son Stanley, Jr., went to Petoskey Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Petersen and children of Mt. Pleasant spent the week end here visiting his father, Hemming Petersen and family.

Mrs. Christine Feldhauser returned with them to spend a few weeks.

Mrs. Myrtle Smith went to Wynn to spend some time with her son, Marvin and family.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
FREDERIC RURAL AGR. SCHOOL, DECEMBER 21, 1949

Introductory Mr. McAulay Christmas Greeting Kindergarten Song, "Down Santa Claus Lane, Up on the House Top."

Kindergarten, 1 and 2
"A Letter to Santa"

Community sing, "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," "Jingle Bells," and "Oh, How Lovely the Evening." Grades 4, 5, 6

Pantomime, "Yes, I Like Christmas" Jack Hummel

Piano Duet Virginia Kaiser Eileen Madill

"The Christmas Gimmie," Play presented by Grade 10

High School Chorus, "Winter Wonderland," and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer"

Processional 7th and 8th grades Song, "White Christmas"

"O Come Ye to Bethlehem," pageant presented by 9th grade.

CHAINED HERSELF TO BED FOR 5 YEARS

Read how a wife, to prove she was faithful to her jealous husband, chained herself to her bed every day for 5 years, and finally killed herself when he died in an accident. See The American Weekly great magazine with this Sunday's (December 25) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times.

Now You Can Wire A Hat

Now it's Western Union that has gone in to the business of making Christmas shopping an easier chore—for a man's hat.

J. Heise, local telegraph manager, reports a gift-service arrangement with a prominent hat manufacturer, which permits the wiring of hats as Christmas gifts.

Anyone who wants to give a hat as a present goes to a Western Union office, where he or she sends a telegram with a special text to the prospective donee.

The telegram contains appropriate holiday greetings and directs the recipient to any of the hat company's dealers, where he can pick up a gift hat of his own choosing.

C. A. P. NEWS

There was a meeting Wednesday, December 14, 1949 at the Grayling Airport for the Civil Patrol members. There was military facing with Jerry Barber and Veral Gulick as trainers. There was also a movie on air planes, shown by Lt. Nick Nickles. There were 18 members there. The next meeting will be December 21st, 1949.

Ethel Pratt and Joyce Canfield.

felt. As Deity, He was God, having all the attributes of God.

Wherever Jesus walked, His were the footprints of God. When He spoke, His voice was the voice of God. When His hand touched the loathsome leper or blind eyes of deaf eardrums or crippled limbs or the brow hot with fever fires, the touch of His hand was the touch of God.

Before His birth God said of the Bethlehem Babe: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). So let us say tenderly, yet frankly, that Christmas is deception without the cross. At Calvary He died that for which He became the Bethlehem Babe—He

died. From the accused tree. He cried: "It is finished." And—He died. He exhausted the precious treasure of His invaluable blood to pay our debt.

And we rejoice, at this Christmas season, to know that for all the blind in sin for all the deaf in sin, for all the crippled in sin, for all those impure with the harlotry of sin, for all those dead in trespasses and sin, there is salvation through Jesus Christ.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (Corinthians 9:15).

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). —Robert G. Lee.

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John 1:16. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. The Fred Niederer family.



OVER the WORLD

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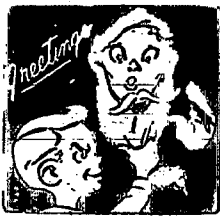
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There's no play-acting
when we wish our
friends a Merry Christ-
mas.



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Program For Week of December 25 to 31

Sunday & Monday

June Havoc, Victor Mature
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— In —

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Sunday Show
Continuous From
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March of Time

Cartoon

Late News

Tues. Wed. Thurs.

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Summer Time"

— Starring —

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Van JohnsonLast Feature Starts
10:00 P. M.

Cartoon

Scenic Sweden

Sportfilm

Giant Double Feature Program

"Rustys Birthday"

— Starring —

Ted Donaldson, Ann Doren
Jane Russell, and

ALSO

Louis Hayward

— In —

"Young Widow"

Cartoon

World News

Program Subject To Change

Interesting Events In
Grayling 23 Years AgoINTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 23, 1926

Miss Carrie Jorgenson and her mother—who has made her home with her daughter for some time, are leaving this week for St. Louis, Missouri, to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Williams.

Miss Margaret Jensen expects to spend Christmas with friends in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon are the happy parents of a daughter, born Friday evening.

Francis LaGrow has arrived home from Lansing to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

Mrs. Elma Hemmingson and daughter, Doris, have arrived to spend the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fren Hanson.

Oscar Borchers of Chicago is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borchers of Beaver Creek Township.

Announcements are being received by friends of the Percy Husted family of the marriage of their oldest son, Clinton, to Miss Marion W. Weir on Saturday, December 18, at Attica, Michigan. The Husted family, former residents here, live at Lum.

Miss Mae Richardson of Roscommon, former teacher here, recently graduated from the State Normal at Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Peter McNeven and children, Shirley, Clinton and Glen, leave Friday morning to spend the holidays with relatives.

Last Friday night was a hum-dinger for weather, the thermometer registering thirty-four degrees below before morning.

J. L. Martin, a Michigan Central employee, broke three ribs Wednesday of last week when he slipped on the ice while attempting to get into the way-car near Alba.

Olson of



OLD, OLD STORY . . . If teacher could get this kind of attention no she lectures on the three B's, she'd have a room full of geniuses. She is reading the ageless Clement Moore classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas." And act a creature to stirring.

SEASON'S

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A truly Merry
Christmas
to our good
friends and
neigh-
bors.

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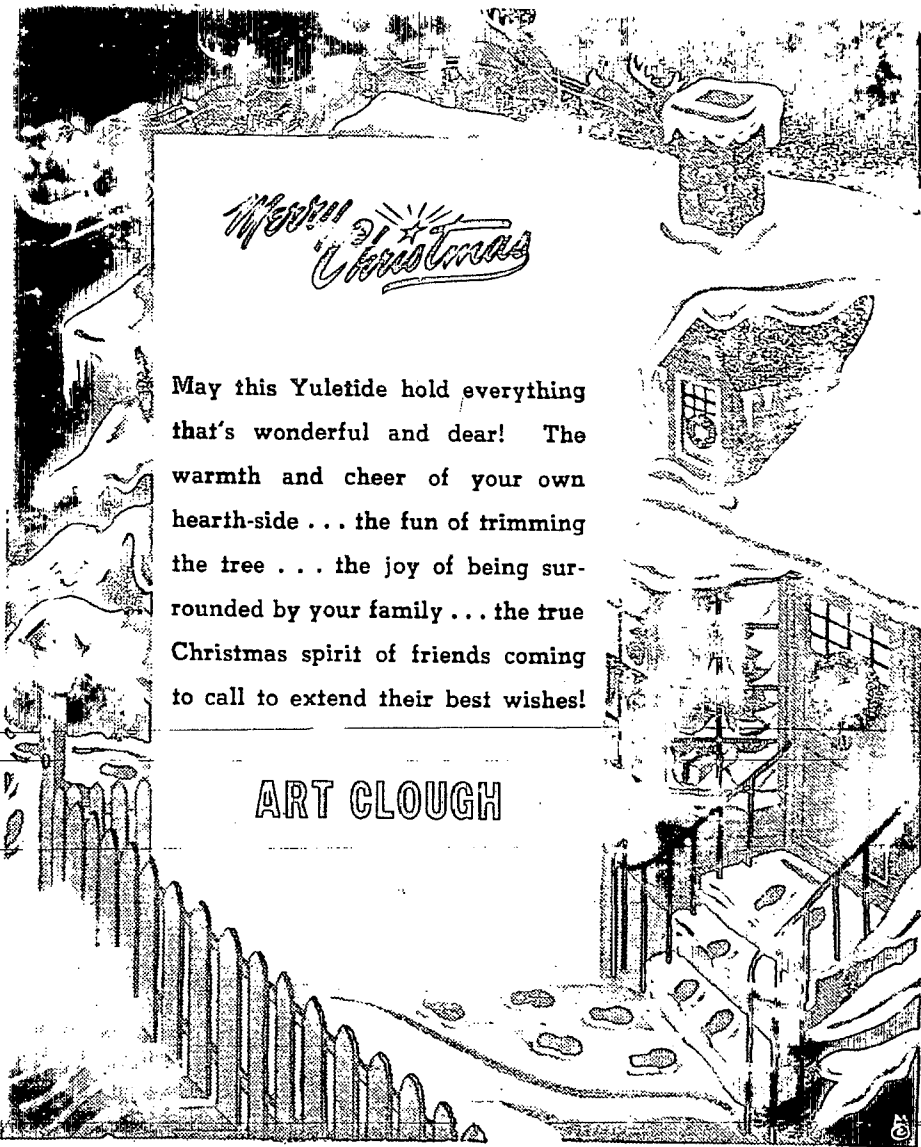
Henry V. Meech, Owner

Grayling Lodge No. 356, F. & A. M., the following officers were elected: W. M., John J. Coventry;

S. W., George W. Conner; J. W., John Burt; R. D. Connine; treasurer, secretary, John F. Hum; S.

D., Fred Sleight; J. D., Effner Matson.

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May this Yuletide hold everything
that's wonderful and dear! The
warmth and cheer of your own
hearth-side . . . the fun of trimming
the tree . . . the joy of being sur-
rounded by your family . . . the true
Christmas spirit of friends coming
to call to extend their best wishes!

ART CLOUGH

Merry
Christmas

The season of glad cheer and good fellowship is with us once again—and everywhere we go we see as well as hear and feel this wonderful spirit! We see it in the gaily adorned shop windows . . . the colorfully lighted trees . . . and on the smiling faces of the people about us. We hear it in the well-wishing greetings of friend to friend . . . stranger to stranger . . . in the church bells resounding magnificently through our community. We feel it in our every activity—be it home or business. And we extend it also in our own sincere heartfelt wishes to you our friends and patrons—that this may be a truly memorable Christmas and a happy, happy New Year!

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Christmas
Greetings...*

Grayling Free Methodist Church

Pastor, Herbert T. Sebree



May the stars
in the heavens shine
as never before on
your Christmas
happiness this year.

OLSON'S SHOE STORE

*Bringers of Gifts
Range From Santa
To Knight Ruppert*

In America on Christmas Eve, there is a merry tinkle of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer. He drives from roof to roof, pausing just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge sack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts that are too large to be stuffed in the stockings are put on the Christmas tree or stacked underneath it.

This is Christmas in America—but it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival on Christmas of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre, and carries a crozier.

He rides a white horse and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings to hold the gifts, the Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner," the bishop's white horse. It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

English children wait for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree, but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. She married Albert, a German prince, and it was he who introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

It is an angel who leaves the



May the joys that fill
your hearts this Christ-
mas remain the coming
year.

**DECKER'S
TAXI
SERVICE**

Christmas Program At Free Methodist Church

The following Christmas program will be held at the local Free Methodist Church, Thursday, December 22, at 7:30 P. M.

Song—Joy to the World
Invocation—Pastor
Recitation—Welcome
Gwendolyn Davis
Recitation—Christmas Prayer
Francis King

Exercise—Christmas
Lauretta Sebree, Kay Blanchard, Larry Korhonen, Sherie Madison, Pam Hunter, Jerry Owens, Sharon Madison, Billy Cox and Harley Kennedy.

Recitation—If Jesus Dwells Within
Joanne Smith
Exercise—Baby Jesus
Elizabeth Davis, Jennie Owens, Douglas Blaine, Janet Rood, Danny Rood, Butch Galloway, Frank Galloway, Mary SanCartier, Mary Lou Denno.

Recitation—At Christmas
Tommy LaMotte
Song—I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Nancy Lowe, Shirley Rood, Rhea Dunham, Rosa Dutton, JoAnn Korhonen.

Exercise—The Gift of Christmas
Constance Owens, Sharon Blaine, Tommy Denno, Jackie Watts, Clare Rood, Glenda Schofield and Robert Hale.

Recitation—The Announcement
The church extends a cordial invitation to the public.

Connie Davis
Exercise—Keeping Christmas
Homer King, Conrad Owens, Tommy Dutton, Joe Lowe, David Lowe.

Recitation—If I Were Big
Arlene Smith
Solo—O Holy Night
Herbert Sebree

Exercise—The Best Christmas
Carol Korhonen, Diana Blaine and Nancy Blaine.
Recitation—A Merry Christmas
Darlene Blanchard
Recitation—Whose Birthday
Ronnie Case

Exercise—A Birthday Cake for Jesus
JoAnn Korhonen, Raymond Denno, Richard Davis, Wesley Davis, Larry Cox, Tommy Dunham, Wayne Dutton, Ronnie Schofield, Donald LaMotte, Kenneth Lazarawicz, Jerry Korhonen.

Recitation—Short and Simple
Leon D'Moore
Song—Away in the Manger
Children

Skit—Grandma's Christmas
Rhea Dunham, Jack Smith, Helen Denno, Jeanne Waisanen, Bob Dunham.

Recitation—Our Part
Lu Annah Rood
Exercise—Light of the World
Rosa Dutton, Jack Schofield, Richard Dunham, Gerald LaMotte, Ray LaMotte, Roy Dutton and Bonnie Cooper.

Recitation—Good Night
Diane Blanchard
The church extends a cordial invitation to the public.

His fear. Through this Glen thrust his gun, splintering the glass. The two men instinctively turned to find themselves staring into the gun's muzzle.

Warden Loomis, trekking northward to join young Glen Lloyd, was astonished to find a truck on the old tote road. The truck stopped and a friendly, boyish voice greeted him.

"Hi, Joe," Glen yelled. "Put some bracelets on these birds in front, will you? My hand's so stiff from holding this gun I can't move it—let alone pull the trigger."

When Chief Mather heard the story he wrote a personal letter to Supervisor Herlick, complimenting the supervisor on his choice of men.

We wish all our friends continued health, success and happiness.

King and Son

We desire to express our hearty appreciation for your patronage during the past year, and trust that our service to you has been such as will merit its continuance.

May Your Christmas Be a Merry One!

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1949 Merry Christmas

Hunter's Ausable Dairy

gifts in Czechoslovakia. She descends on a golden chord to accompany Santa.

In Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour. They are brought by dwarfs and the children leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for them. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.

The birds receive the largest number of gifts in Sweden. Each family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on the fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Knight Ruppert, who is the German Kris-Kringle, is represented by a young girl wearing a golden crown and gown in a flowing white robe. She carries a small tree laden with gifts which she distributes.

THOU SHALT NOT
Poachers Outwitted
By Richard Hill Wilkinson

IT HAPPENED that young Glen Lloyd was the only warden on duty when Chief Fred Mather received word that poachers were doing a wholesale business in moose meat up in Birchhill county. Glen was a rookie on the job. As yet he'd had no contact with either the hardships or the dangers of a north woods game warden. Chief Mather decided to use discretion. "You go up there and do some reconnoitering," he told the youth.

"You'll find a base camp under a cliff near the headwaters of the Beaver. Make this your headquarters until Warden Loomis arrives. He'll tell you how to proceed." Chief Mather drummed with his pencil. "Don't take any chances, son. I've an idea that Moe Stanford's behind this ring. He's a bad actor."

Glen reached the base cabin two days later. The ground was covered with a six-inch fall of snow. Glen waited two days more and then decided to take matters into his own hands. Armed with his service pistol and a flashlight he concealed himself near the tote road on top of a ridge where the progress of the truck would have to be slow. It was bitterly cold and a brisk wind was blowing. Also there

was the promise of snow in the air. Midnight came and went and Glen's spirits ebbed low. Cursing himself for delaying action, Glen was about to quit his hiding place when he heard distinctly the roar of an automobile motor.

He waited until the driver was shifting gears for the final pull, then stepped out into the glare of the lights. He held his gun in one hand. The badge on his sheepskin coat was plainly visible.

Instead of stopping, the driver bore down on the accelerator. The truck roared straight at the warden. Glen stepped to one side, barely avoiding being hit, and as the heavy machine lumbered by he swung himself onto the running board. He clung there to



Glen followed the tracks until they turned into a country road. for a moment, then something hit him on the head, he heard an angry curse, and went spinning of into space.

Fifteen minutes later he emerged on to the same tote road where it doubled back on itself. The lights from the truck were already sweeping up the incline.

GLEN CROUCHED behind a boulder, glad that the darkness was so intense. He waited until the truck had crawled by, then ran after it. He caught the tailboard and hoisted himself up. Two men were standing up front, leaning over the cab. The noise of the motor had drowned out sounds of his approach.

Reversing his service gun, Glen crept up behind the men, felled one of them and grappled with the other. The scuffle was short-lived. Taken completely by surprise the poacher was at a disadvantage. Stunned by the blow which he tried to dodge, he fell against the cab and slumped to his knees when Glen struck out a second time.

The warden handcuffed the two men to an upright in the truck, then approached the cab. There was a small window in

Holy Night

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that accompanies
every Christmas season—
is with us again
in 1949. Our wish is
that you can
participate to the fullest
in a universal
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . Symbolic of our nation at this festive season of the year is this picture of Little Ethel German, 4, daughter of a guide at the Statue of Liberty, as she admires a Christmas tree on the porch of Newell M. Foster, superintendent of the statue staff on Bedloe's island. Over her shoulder, Miss Liberty herself clays right on the job, blazing her message of peace and good will.



Remember Last Christmas?
These were the major goings-on to the world during Christmas week in 1948:

December 27—Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, outspoken foe of Hungary's Communist regime, was arrested on charges of plotting against the government, spying, treason and blackmarket dealings in currency.

In an extemporaneous speech at Kansas City, President Truman made this remark that caught the interest of the world: "There are certain leaders in the government of that country (Russia) who are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with us."

December 29—President Truman returned to Washington after a Christmas vacation in Independence, Mo.

December 28—Twelve stranded air force men were rescued by plane from an icecap in southern Greenland by Lt. Col. Emil Beaudry.

December 31—The 80th congress, denounced by President Truman as the second worst in record, passed into history with the adjournment of both houses.

December 31—At year's end, America's favorite popular song for the moment was "On a Slow Boat to China."

State Being Invaded By Arctic Owls

A quiet invasion of Michigan has been in progress since late October and probably will continue through part of December. The conservation department says the invader is the big snowy or arctic owl, forced southward from its native habitat on the Canadian tundra because of a periodic starvation threat. "Normally feeding on lemmings,

mice and ptarmigan, the owls appear to find the pickings slim on home grounds about every four years," explains Biologist Ted Black of the department's game

division. Most recent of the cycle-type migrations occurred in 1945 and 1941. Over 900 birds were known to have been shot in Michigan in 1945. Few of the birds in each migration survive and return to their barren wasteland home, he added.

Unlike the more common owls of Michigan, such as the great horned and barred, both of which are slightly smaller birds, the arctic invader has no ear tufts or "horns." The snowy owl also does a considerable amount of flying during the daytime. Usually they are unafraid and easily approached since they seldom come in contact with man in their arctic home, Black continued.

In contrast to most native Michigan owls which inhabit woodlands, the snowy owl frequently is noted in marshes and open farm country.

The game division has received reports of their presence in many parts of the state. During deer season, three were shot on Drummond Island, one captured alive in Ishpeming, and another caught near Olsego in Kalamazoo County. Others have been seen at Houghton Lake, East Lansing, Pinconning, Seney and on Detroit's Belle Isle bridge. "Strange birds" also were reported in Allegan, Barry and Midland counties.

Black says additional reports are desired and should be sent to the department's game division headquarters at Lansing.

The arctic owl, predominately white in color, measures 21 to 25 inches from beak to tail, and has a wingspread of about five feet. Most of the migrants spotted in the state, although quite large and thought to be older owls, are only birds of the year.

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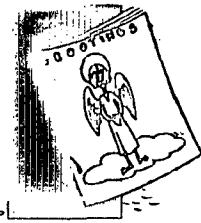


Here's to Dreams

... and to resolutions. May all yours come true this coming year, and may your days be progressively happier.

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MARIE HERRICK, Prop.



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All Your
Notes Are Gay

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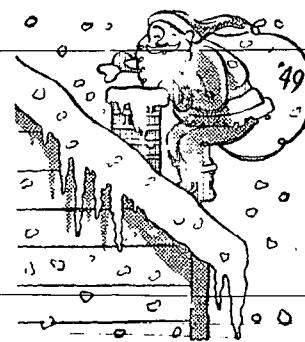


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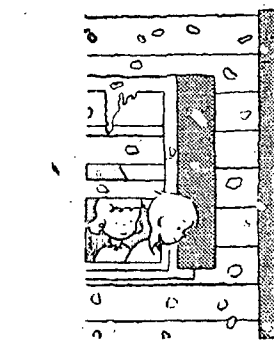
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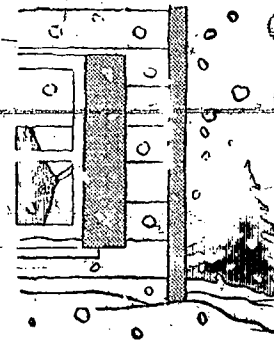
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Yuletide
Greetings



Naturally, there is a
Santa Claus---just as
naturally as there are
children. No one even
doubts that any more.



Just give way to the spirit of
the season and your share of joy
will come.



Spencer's Reg O' Names
and Recreation

Merry Christmas

Since we cannot shake each one of you by the hand to give you our good wishes personally—we want to take this opportunity to express our hopes that this Christmas and the coming New Year be one of joy and goodness for each and every one of you—our friends and patrons.

SHIRLEE SHOPPE



Let's do it up
right this year
and join our
efforts to give
each other the
finest holiday
season ever.

DAWSON'S

Water Not Short In Michigan

While serious water shortages plague New York and other areas in the nation, there is not cause for present alarm in Michigan.

State conservation department hydrologists make this reassuring statement although Michigan ground water levels hit successive new record lows in September, October and November.

The November average stage of .93 of a foot was the lowest recorded by the department's geological survey division since it started regular checking of ground water levels 16 years ago. The U. S. Geological Survey's latest report also shows Great Lakes water levels are down about three inches below average.

"Fortunately, we are not tapping our ground water 'bank' at a faster rate than the supply can be replenished," explains state hydrologist Norman Billings. "This is particularly so, now—for our winter season consumption is lower than at any other time of the year."

"We could have some temporary domestic well failures in cases where the particular wells do not penetrate water-bearing formations too deeply. For example, shallow farm wells could fail temporarily since they would be quite sensitive to radical water level fluctuations."

Billings points out that "ground water supplies, which serve over

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The very fact that Christmas
is with us again ought to
bring joy enough, but we
want to gild the lily by wishing
everyone a wonderful holiday.

DAVIS JEWELRY



May all the wonderful things
that go with Christmas be
yours in the fullest abundance
this year

From all of us
here to all of you—a
most happy holiday.

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MID-CENTURY REVIEW A PAGEANT OF 50 YEARS

Science and Technology	Age of Aviation
1901—Guglielmo Marconi signals letter "S" across Atlantic.	1903—Wright brothers make first successful mechanical airplane flight.
1902—First full radio message sent.	1909—Louis Blériot flies across English channel—31 miles in 37 minutes.
1909—Henry Ford begins mass manufacture of Model T cars.	1927—Charles Lindbergh makes first solo flight across Atlantic.
1945—Atomic bombs explode over New Mexico and Japan.	1929—Commander Richard E. Byrd flies over South Pole.
1946—Army Signal Corps reaches Moon with radar signals.	1937—Amelia Earhart disappears in flight across Atlantic.
1947—Television gains commercial ascendancy.	1938—Douglas Corrigan makes "wrong-way" flight from Brooklyn to Dublin.
1949—200-inch telescope at Mt. Palomar put into full use.	1939—Airplane recognized as major instrument of war.
	1944—Jet planes take to skies in combat.
	1947—Experiments continue on rocket-powered planes capable of supersonic speeds.
Governments, People and Wars	
1900—Boxer insurrection flares in China.	1937—Civil war rages in Spain.
1904—Russo-Japanese war begins.	1938—Germans invade Czechoslovakia.
1914—World War I begins.	1939—Great Britain and Germany at war; Russia invades Finland; Pope Pius XI dies, succeeded by Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli.
1917—First American troops land in France; Russian revolution.	1940—British evacuate army at Dunkirk.
1918—Treaty of Versailles signed.	1941—Japanese attack Pearl Harbor; US at war.
1924—Joseph Stalin heads Soviet government.	1944—Eisenhower leads Allied invasion of Europe.
1927—Chiang Kai-shek rules in China.	1945—President Franklin D. Roosevelt dies, succeeded by Harry Truman; Germany surrenders to Allies; Russia enters war against Japan; Japan surrenders; Winston Churchill ousted as British prime minister.
1928—Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany.	1947—George Marshall announces plan to aid European recovery.
1935—Hitler begins arms expansion, breaks Versailles treaty.	1948—Mohandas Gandhi, India's spiritual leader, assassinated; Jewish state of Israel proclaimed in Palestine.
	1949—Chinese Communists victorious in China; Atlantic pact signed by 12 nations; European democracy to contain Russia.
The U. S.—50 Years	
1902—U.S. purchases French rights in Panama canal.	
1903—Tribute theater fire in Chicago claims 602 lives.	
1907—Corra May makes first hotshot raid on Kansas mines.	
1908—Financial panic grips nation.	
1920—Prohibition amendment to constitution becomes effective.	
1925—John T. Scopes found guilty of teaching evolution in schools in trial at Dayton, Tenn.	
1929—Stock market collapses; depression sets in.	
1931—Kaiser Wilhelm killed in plane crash.	
1932—Lindbergh baby kidnapped from parents' home in New Jersey.	
1933—President Roosevelt broadcasts first "fireside chat."	
1934—John Dillinger, notorious outlaw, shot to death in Chicago.	
1935—Congress approves 4.8-billion-dollar works relief program; Will Rogers and Wiley Post killed in airplane crash.	
1940—President Roosevelt elected to third term.	
1942—Boston's Coconut Grove nightclub fire takes 491 lives.	
1944—President Roosevelt elected to fourth term.	
1948—President Truman defeats Thomas Dewey in election upset.	
1949—Business recession, following post-war inflation, becomes noticeable.	
Nature Unleashed	
1900—Galveston hurricane and tidal wave claims 6,000 lives.	
1906—San Francisco earthquake and fire—432 lives lost.	
1911—Yangtze river flood drowns 100,000.	
1912—Ohio and Indiana floods take 733 lives; 500 dead in Texas floods.	
1918—Steaming Titanic runs aground, sinks, 1,517 lost.	
1926—Hurricanes kill 372, injure 6,281 in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.	
1937—Dirigible Hindenburg destroyed by fire at Lakehurst, N. J.	
1939—Earthquakes, floods in Turkey take 50,000 lives.	

a million persons in some 400 municipalities in the state, actually divert only a small part of the rain and melted snow which infiltrates into the ground. The larger share of the annual ground seepage sooner or later enters the inland rivers streams and lakes—and most of that seepage passes off into the Great Lakes." He cited Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Pontiac, Birmingham, Holland and Alma as being among the larger Michigan cities utilizing ground water. Another 136 municipalities which service over 2,000,000 persons, including Detroit, Bay City, Saginaw, Midland, Flint and Port Huron, depend on surface water. The first four of these, he continued, draw from the Great Lakes and have an inexhaustible supply.

Some Michigan cities, however, occasionally do use up their supply in the summer period as fast as it is available. Billings added that transportation is the big factor which deters many cities from using the Great Lakes as a supply source. Construction and operation of transmission lines would be a terrific cost item.

He further explains that 12 inches of infiltration would saturate four to five feet of ground in

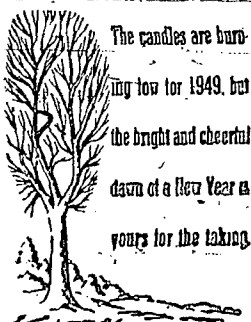
many southern Michigan localities whereas upstate in more sandy soil areas the same quantity of water would saturate only a couple of feet in many places. The state obtains roughly two-thirds of the normal ground water re-charge in a short period of time—late March through part of May—when the snow melts and spring rains come.

"Our top threat to our water supply," Billings asserts, "is pollution." Other water problems are lake level control, local over-production of water, and floods.

Billings would not rule out the possibility that at some future time with greater population and industrial demands, some state regulation may be necessary. Some states he noted, are in a less fortunate position with regard to water and already have been forced to regulate new consumption.

Less than 10 percent of the population of Arizona was engaged in manufacturing in 1948, according to the Britannica Book of the Year.

Britain's war with France in 1695 was partly paid for by a tax on bachelors.



Grayling
Pastry
Shop



VINCENT'S
SHELL
SERVICE



A gold nugget found in 1889 weighed 157 pounds according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.



Youth and old
age will be served
with a Merry
Christmas
this year



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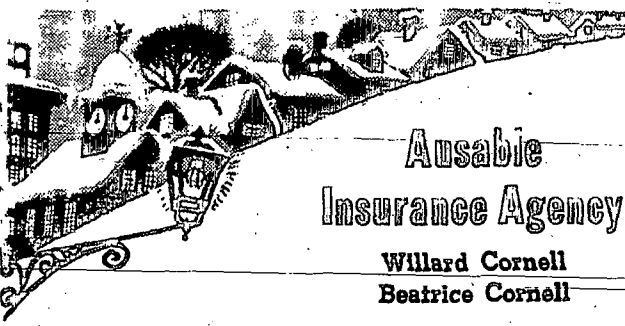


In a sincere wish that
you and your family
may gather together
this year for a merry,
merry Christmas.

Grayling Bottling Co.
C. F. STROBEL

Same Time . . .
1949 Years Later

Twenty centuries ago a family gathered in the
stable of a small town. It is in celebration of the
coming of their Child and His Spirit, that we gather
today. Our greetings to all of you and all of yours.



Ausable
Insurance Agency
Willard Cornell
Beatrice Cornell




As a partial measure
of our friendship
we express the sincere
hope that this year
holds for you
a perfect
Christmas.



May it be touched
with the same kind
of serenity that
accompanies a
Christmas Eve
snowfall.



Hanson Hardware Co.



May Santa's gift to you be joy and happiness the year through.

Hauxwell Photo Service

First U. S. Christmas U. M. Broadcast Feature

Ann Arbor—The "first Christmas" for the United States was in the year 1776 when a dispirited American army made a come-back by crossing the icy Delaware River and capturing the British force at Trenton.

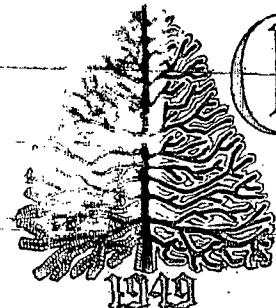
The story of the first Christmas of the American Revolution will be told in dramatic fashion over the University of Michigan radio station and 21 other stations of Michigan on Dec. 22 and the week following. Basis for this program and other dramatizations in a series on American history is the University's Clements Library, which contains one of the nation's best collections of rare books and documents of Americana.

In December, 1776, the American revolution was less than six months old, but already the army under Washington had suffered a



WE'RE HOLDING IT OUT FOR ALL TO SEE! MERRY, MERRY YULE FROM A TO Z.


Down River Pines Restaurant




Christmas Cheer

1949

Top of the season to you
May your happiness be as plentiful as the gifts you give

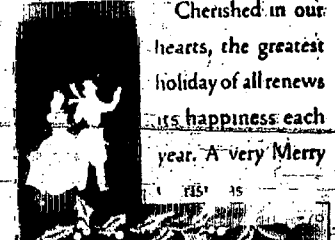


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GREETINGS 1949

Cherished in our hearts, the greatest holiday of all renews its happiness each year. A very Merry



SHOPPENAGONS INN



OUR SINCEREST WISHES FOR A BRIGHT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU.

PARSONS AND LAMM

98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church on Cleveland's York street and his action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to keep the origins of the Christmas tree tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was far from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

disastrous string of defeats. Retreat had followed retreat until, in the weeks before Christmas, Washington found himself encamped across the Delaware from Trenton. His army was growing smaller day by day as discouraged soldiers deserted to go home for Christmas.

No record exists of the date of Washington's decision to risk a crossing of the Delaware and an attack upon a superior force at Trenton. The British had manned Trenton with an army of Hessians—the German mercenaries. Washington knew that the British would wait only until the river was frozen over, and then they would march the Hessians across and attack the Americans. The survival of the cause of independence depended upon the Americans making an attack first.

The history of the Revolution, as told in the Clements Library, indicates that one of Washington's major problems was the low morale of his own men. They had lost the fighting spirit so notable at Lexington and Concord. They considered the war already lost.

It was at this juncture that the writing of an American patriot, Tom Paine, helped turn the tide. The pamphlet "The Crisis" passed from hand to hand and from camp fire to camp fire in the encampment of the Continental Army. Legend has it that when the Americans attack Trenton on the night after Christmas, they went into battle chanting Paine's opening words in that document: "These are the times that try men's souls."

The first Christmas for the American Army of the Revolution was also the first major victory for the American cause, for the army which Washington transported across the Delaware in leaky rowboats took the Hessians by surprise and captured the fort at Trenton.

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Health NEWS

"Health News" is presented to your Doctor of Medicine as a health service of the Michigan State Medical Society

Live Without Breathing In New Pressure Chamber

A new breathing chamber which makes it possible for tubercular patients to completely rest their lungs by not breathing at all, has been developed by Alvin L. Barach, M.D., a staff member of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A rhythmic increase and decrease in the oxygen pressure inside the chamber carries in fresh oxygen, and brings away waste gases. But the lung never expands or contracts, because the pressure on the outside of the chest remains the same as on the inside. Thus there is an inflow and outflow of the gases, but the delicate lung tissues are immobile, and have a chance to get on with their healing processes.

Made of plexiglas and steel, the new apparatus somewhat resembles the "iron lung" which is used in infantile paralysis cases. There are now a score of these pressure chambers, worth nearly \$4,500 each, in use in top United States hospitals and sanatoria.

It's an easy life inside the chamber. For ten hours a day, except for time out for eating, the patient lies quietly without breathing. One recently discharged patient told his doctor: "I'm going to take my yearly vacations inside that thing. I've never found anything so restful before!"

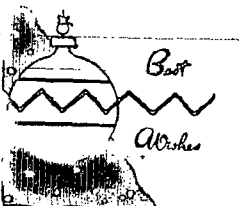
Season's Greetings TO OUR PATRONS

We're hoping that the joy and happiness of your Christmas morning endure and grow for you throughout the prosperous years to come.

AUSABLE RESTAURANT



CHRISTMAS SYMBOL . . . The light of the deathless spirit of the Yule burns steadily in every mind of this season of the year, but nowhere is it more beautifully typified than in the delighted, wide-eyed look of a child experiencing the shimmering delights of his first Christmas.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

1949



May the season shower you with excellent gifts of gladness.

CHARLES W. MOSHIER
Hudson Sales and Service

A table filled,
A hearthside gay,
With joy instilled,
And children at play,
We wish you this
Come Christmas day.
And every day
through 1950.

SORENSEN'S QUALITY FOODS

Season's Greetings...

A Merry Christmas AND A Happy, Prosperous NEW YEAR TO ALL

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May the beauty of this
holiday season fill your
home and your spirits.

LIETZ
CLEANERS
AND TAILORS

History Supports Yule Date, U-M States

Ann Arbor—The date of December 25 was not arbitrarily chosen for Christmas but is the result of a very strong tradition to the ef-



May there be a twinkle
in your eye and laughter
on your lips this Christ-
mas.

McWilliams
Barber Shop

fect that Christ's birth did occur near the end of December, a University of Michigan scholar of the classics says.

Dr. Frank O. Copley, associate professor of Latin, says that the December date "rests on such evidence, admittedly vague, as the early church could find for the actual day."

"Most people wonder from time to time how we know that Christ was born on December 25," he comments. "It is frequently assumed that the date is a more or less arbitrary one, chosen because it happened to be a time of rejoicing in the ancient pagan world. Attractive as this theory is, however, it is not borne out by the facts."

The earliest existing evidence for the date of December 25 is found in the work of a Latin historian of the year 354 B. C., who wrote in an account of the period of Caesar Augustus that "Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judah, in the reign of King Herod, on the eighth day before the Kalends of January and the fifteenth day after new moon." The Kalends was a Roman religious festival which came near the first of January.

Other evidence does no more than suggest that Christ was born at about this time, Professor Copley says. In the days of the early church, he adds, Christmas was not a day of rejoicing but a day of fasting and penance.

"The day on which Godhead suffered birth into human flesh was an occasion for awesome reverence, not for light-hearted feasting and drinking," Professor Copley explains. "The early church reserved its rejoicing for the feast of the Epiphany, when Christ's divine nature was revealed to the world."

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arlt.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas,' he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christmas legend and folklore," the professor stated.

Naturalized Citizen— That's Our Santa

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion, of Christ, the archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

The Hebrew and Aramic inscriptions contained common names like Miriam, Simeon, and Matti. The Greek inscriptions and symbols beside them contained references to Christianity and, it seems probable, to the crucifixion.

The nightingale sings day or night, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Speaking of Christmas

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . . Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits . . . Christmas Eve, 1863, saw a near tragedy in Virginia City, Nevada . . . Two friends celebrated with a terrific round of festivity . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . . . A policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great humorists—Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince pies, so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic significance . . . The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born . . . The crust represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men; the many spices, the frankincense and myrrh . . . On May 11, 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christmas . . . Anyone celebrating, stopping work, serving holiday fare or deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . The righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely—for how could good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years before that law was repealed.



Yuletide Greetings



SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA . . . It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirtsleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting on a park bench in New York.



JOY TO THE WORLD—Old legends say that the reason bells are rung every Christmas is that when Christ was born Satan died, and all the bells in the world began to peal.



MAY ALL
THE SEASON'S BEST
BE YOURS
THIS CHRISTMASTIME.



GIERKE'S SERVICE STATION



In the same cheery manner
the words "Merry Christmas"
come to you with our
hope that all the season's
happiness and joy be yours.



We want you to have
something that cannot be
placed beneath the tree
—our best wishes of the
season.

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AUTO SALES

THE GRAYLING AGENCY

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Season's Greetings . . .

AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERY
RESIDENT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY
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We Wish You a
Season laden
with Cheer,
followed by a year brimming with
contentment and good fortune.



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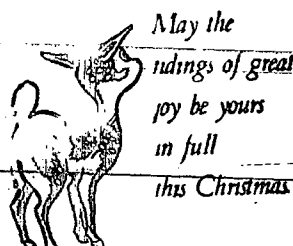


The night before Christmas...

Few experiences surpass in beauty that hush of wonderful expectancy that falls over the home on Christmas eve. This season of 1949 holds that in store for you.

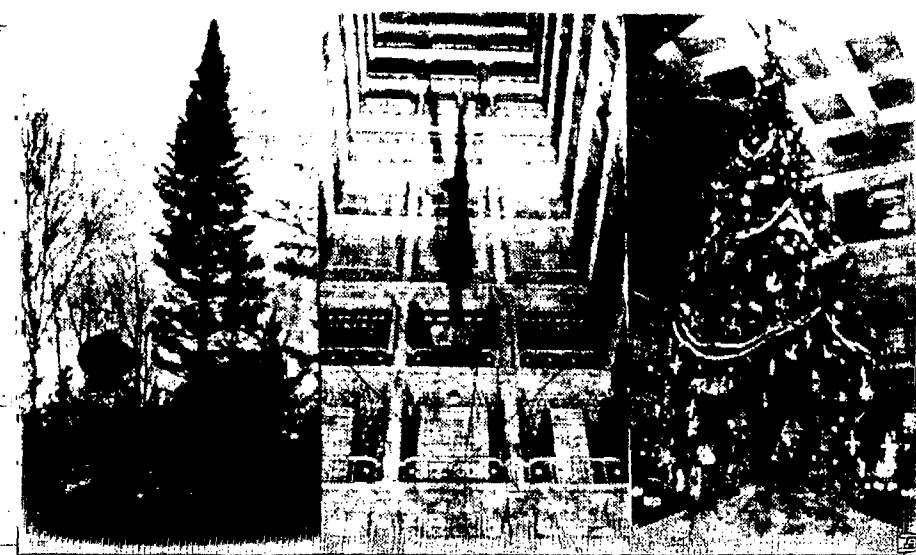
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From Forest . . .

Up Seven Stories . . .

To Christmas Finery!

CHICAGO—Each year hundreds of thousands of persons come to see the giant, 50-foot Christmas tree now on the seventh floor of Marshall Field & Company here.

And each year amid the "ohs" and "ahs," there comes the question—"Wonder where this tree came from and how they got it up here?"

The answer is the same story of "putting up the tree" that takes place in every American home during the holidays, but with some big differences.

Field's tree is the perfect top of a 100-foot fir, weighing more than a ton. It travels nearly 500 miles from the North Woods to Chicago's State Street. It is decorated, around Thanksgiving time, with some 3,000 ornaments, all designed king-sized to be in scale with the giant tree.

First step in this particular "putting-up-the-tree" comes when the department store sends a display man to Mellen, Wisc., to select a tree. This

happens almost three months before Christmas. Once the tree is chosen, it must be made ready for the long trip to Christmas glory. The tree is cut and lowered to the ground, not felled. The top 50 feet are bound in wire and carted to a railroad siding.

In Chicago, the tree moves from freight yards to the store by truck. It is hoisted not on a crane up and moved into a tearoom, where it will stand until Christmas.

Surrounded by scaffolding, the tree is decorated over a weekend, each ornament placed according to a decorator's sketch.

Thus, after weeks of work and preparation, the tree that has been called the largest and perhaps the most gaily decorated indoor tree in America is ready for the young and old who throng to see its tinsel and glitter.

Swiss Brotherhood Sang at Christmas To Banish Plague

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden.

According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims.

If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12.

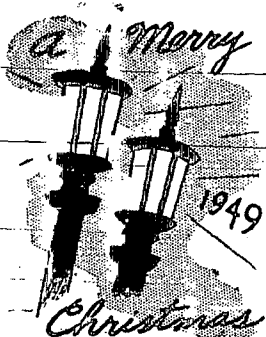
Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian.

For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads.

On New Year's eve, between 9 and 10 o'clock, the Brethren make another round of the fountains, this time singing an old song which

concludes with the wish that St. Sebastian may intercede for all in the New Year so that they may be safeguarded from war, pestilence and other perils.

The practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas eve is tied up with an Irish custom which holds the thought of the Christ child alone in the dark, leading light for the way.



May the joys of the season be completely and all yours.

PALMER INSURANCE AGENCY



The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost.

And for what it's worth, we offer our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

AUSABLE HOTEL

FREDERIC, MICHIGAN

BARNEY SAJDAK, Prop.



A happy holiday to all.

WERT'S LONE PINE INN



Merry Christmas



The divinity of the season is surpassed only in the joy it brings to the hearts of men. Merry Christmas.

"YOUR FRIENDLY FORD DEALER"

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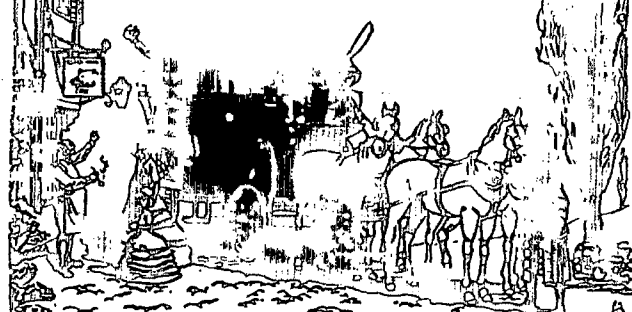
AAA Garage
Night Phone 4133

Ford Sales and Service
Phone 2401

500 Norway St.
Grayling

The years go on and our celebrations may change with time . . . but the wishes are always the same—A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to You and Yours.

Kennedy Florist Shop



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EAR . . .



Through the shopping and the giving we hear the Christmas greeting. Lend your ears to ours on this festive day.



TIMBERLANDS, INC.

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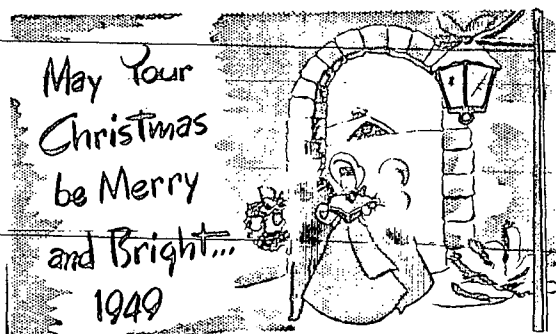
SEASON'S GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Long Distance lines are still overcrowded. During the Holidays, please use Long Distance only if the call is urgent.

Tri-County Telephone Company



HAPPY HOLIDAY

to all of you.

May no cloud

appear to disturb

its serenity.

BEST WISHES

1949

MARTIN'S HI-SPEED SERVICE

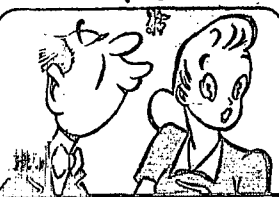


For a smile on every face and a carol in every heart we commend you to the spirit of Christmas.

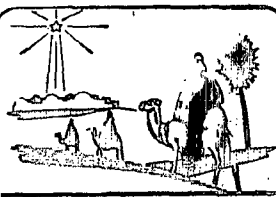
Happy holiday.

McEVERS MOTOR SALES

QUESTIONS ON CHRISTMAS



1. The Swedes know kissing is fun. That's why they thought of the Christmas mistletoe. What should be done to the mistletoe for each stolen kiss? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a leaf.



2. We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Christmas gifts. They were Melchior, Balthazar and (a) Samson (b) Casper (c) Shadrach.



3. Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1845 (b) about 1781 (c) about 1901.



4. Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas ceremony? (a) Pope Gregory (b) Florn Flowman (c) St. Francis of Assisi.



5. The Christmas tree is the heart of our Christmas decorations. Which country first used the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France.



6. "Silent Night, Holy Night," one of the most beloved of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Beethoven (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Martin Luther.

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For Grayling and large surrounding territory. World's largest manufacturers of Aluminum Combination Storm-Screen Windows and Doors, will franchise established dealer, or assist in establishing an aggressive salesman as our dealer in this territory. This will include training and financing where necessary. Write Winter-Seal Corp., 14575 Meyers Rd., Detroit 27, Michigan for further information.

Seven From Here At U. Of Michigan

Ann Arbor — Seven students from Crawford County are among the 23,840 students taking credit courses in the Fall Semester at the University of Michigan.

The enrollment figure as announced by Registrar Ira M. Smith includes 21,035 students taking residence credit courses on the campus and 2,805 students taking Extension Service credit courses at various centers throughout the state.

In announcing enrollment figures for each of Michigan's 83 counties, Registrar Smith fired broadsides at two opinions regarding academic success at the University which seem to have become fairly well established throughout the state.

He branded as complete myths the beliefs that a large number of each freshman class at the University is "flunked out" and the belief that only students from the larger school can expect to make good records.

The registrar cited official reports from the deans and directors of the University's 14 schools and colleges. These show that the University's figure for losses in the freshmen class are among the lowest in the country, he asserted. The reports show that approximately only five per cent of the freshmen is required to withdraw because of scholastic difficulties. The exceptional success record is attributable in part to the University's system of counselling students, to the housing of freshmen in University dormitories and to their previous success in high schools, according to the registrar.

To refute the other belief, he cited a 20-year study of the academic records of freshmen students from Michigan high schools.

"This study shows so much variation in the accomplishments of individual students from schools of all sizes that there is no relationship between the size of the high school and academic success in the University," he declared.

Rather than the size of the high school, it is individual factors such as intellectual and social maturity, good work habits, adequate preparation for college studies and a certain minimum of financial resources which seem to indicate academic success at the University, he said.

Names of the students from Crawford County taking credit courses on the campus at Ann Arbor are: Howard DeLaMater, senior in business administration; Max L. Ferguson, graduate; Alfred D. Hanson, sophomore in dentistry; Caroline M. Nelson, freshman in nursing; Kenneth L. Peterson, graduate; Jack W. Richardson, literature; Allan J. Stevenson, senior in literature.

The Romans used shorthand as early as 63 B. C., according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Merry



Christmas

Let us give thanks together for the priceless gift of Christmas.

1949

H. G. JARMIN

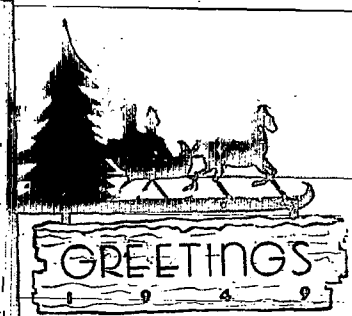
General Insurance



Peace On Earth

... and good will to all men on this joyous celebration of His Nativity.

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OUR WARM AND SINCEREST GREETINGS GO OUT TO YOU AT THIS HAPPIEST SEASON OF THE YEAR

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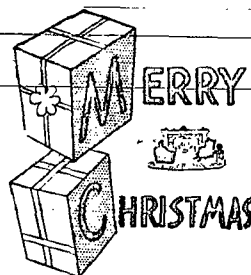


Just repeating MERRY CHRISTMAS - 1949

Gay spirits are more commonplace during the Yule season than at any other time of the year. We hope you're fitting in.

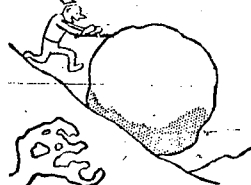
May you prosper in the wealth with which Christmas abounds...

Peace, love of life, kindness and the brotherhood of all people.



Nineteen forty-nine

TO YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY OUR BEST WISHES



BURROW'S SELF-SERVE MARKET

Mac's Drug Store

"THE RECALL STORE"



OUR WISH IS THAT YOUR PATH OF GOOD CHEER BE AS ENDLESS AS THE HEAVENS.

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Plumbing and Heating Service

Season's Greetings

—and to all of you we extend our wishes for a Merry Christmas — and a year ahead full of good health and prosperity!

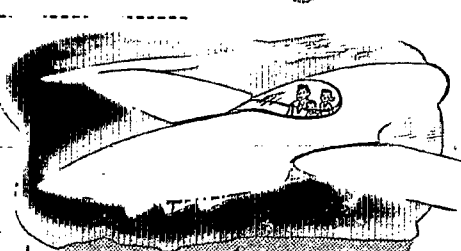
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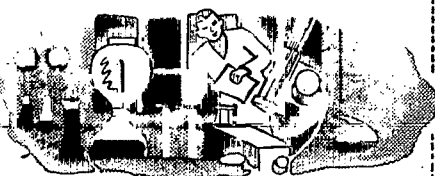
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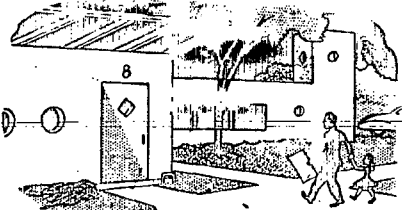
Will the United States establish a "satellite" military and observation base in outer space?



Will the airplane replace the automobile as a popular vehicle for private conveyance?



Will science conquer those diseases: cancer, polio, heart disease, the common cold, the rheumatic ailments and ... others?



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8:30—Low Mass.

10:30—Low Mass, with carols by St. Mary's Choir.

YOU ARE INVITED

Father John Breitenstein, Pastor
Confessions: On Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening at 3:00 and 7:00 P. M.



Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European coun-

tries—a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret — so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

Entertains With Christmas Tea

The Sisters of Mercy of Mercy Hospital entertained the members of the Hospital Aid on Thursday afternoon with a Christmas tea that has become a tradition here in Grayling. Twenty-five aid members were present. Each year the Christmas decorations have been exceptionally lovely. This year as before there was a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. The fire place mantle decoration was a creche. The tea table centered with a little sled and reindeer was laden with plates of tiny sandwiches, cakes, relishes, candies and nuts. Napkins, too carried out the holiday motif.

Bridge was played. Mrs. Carl Strobel held high score and Mrs. Edward Freer low. Mrs. Richard Lovely took high honors for



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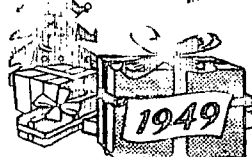
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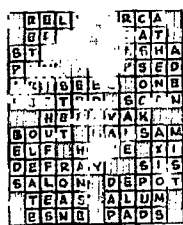
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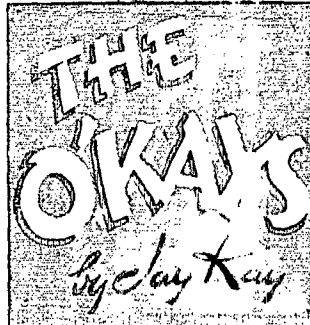
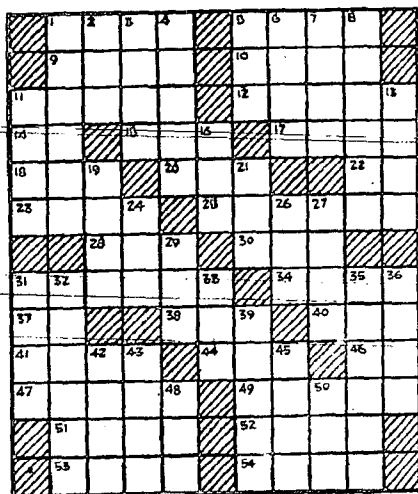
LAST WEEK'S ANSWER



Answer to puzzle No. 10

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1. Cirolet of metal
 3. Stausibly fluent
 9. Melody
 10. Assistant (Mil. or Nav.)
 11. An attack of sickness
 12. Hammer heads
 13. Music note
 14. Lamprey
 17. An aromatic herb
 18. Strango
 20. Flightless bird
 22. Land-measure
 23. Largest continent
 25. Not rough
 28. Pinch
 30. Fresh
 31. Projected
 34. A sharp blow (colloq.)
 37. Ahead
 38. Sorrow
 40. Blind
 41. Exchange
 44. A visit between whalers
 46. Northeast (abbr.)
 47. A letter line
 49. Cast, as a ballot
 51. River (Sib.)
 52. Goddess of discord
 53. Final
 54. Dispatched

- DOWN**
1. Swift parts of rivers
 2. Anger
 3. River (Afr.)
 4. Helmet-shaped part (Bot.)
 5. Branch
 6. Falsehoods
 7. Notion
 8. Province (India)
 11. Portico (Gr. Arch.)
 13. Withered (poet.)
 16. Haul with difficulty
 19. A dent
 21. Know (Scott.)
 24. Islet in a river (Eng.)
 26. Beak
 27. Tease
 29. Bench-like seat
 31. Chinese household divinity
 32. Ailing
 33. A domestic pot
 35. Boat
 36. Nourish
 39. Projecting roof edge
 42. Scope
 43. Fastens
 45. Additional amount
 48. Obese
 50. Metal



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any combination from any of the inland lakes in this state and in any case not more than ten pounds and one trout.

Signed, sealed, and ordered published this thirteenth day of October, 1949.

Joseph P. Rahilly, Chairman.
Wayland Osmond, Secretary.

Countersigned:
P. J. Hoffmaster,
Director of Conservation.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford, held at a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 9th day of December, 1949.

Present: Hon. Ray F. Clement, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Philip Moran, deceased.

Norman Fisher having filed in said Court his final account as special administrator of said estate, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof.

It is Ordered that the 9th day of January, 1950 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford, held at a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1949.

Present: Hon. Ray F. Clement, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Philip Moran, deceased.

It appearing to the Court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and before said Court, and that the legal heirs of said deceased entitled to inherit the estate of which said deceased died seized should be adjudicated and determined.

It is Ordered, That all of the creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims in writing and under oath as provided by statute, to said Court at said Probate Office, and to serve a copy thereof either by registered mail or by personal service upon Norman Fisher, the fiduciary of said estate, whose address is Frederick, Michigan, on or before the 13th day of February, A. D., 1950, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased, and for the adjudication and determination of the heirs at law of said deceased at the time of his death entitled to inherit the estate of which the deceased died seized.

It is Further Ordered, That publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate

A true copy.
Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate. 8-15-22-29

December 22, 1949.

NOTICE

is hereby given that application was made on the 22nd day of November, 1949, by The Western Union Telegraph Company to the Federal Communications Commission to close its office in the Railway Express Agency Building at Grayling, Michigan, and to provide telegraph service at the Dawson Drug Store, 231 Michigan Avenue, which will act henceforth as agent of the telegraph company.

If application is granted, substituted service will be available from 9 A. M. to 6:30 P. M., Monday through Saturday, and 9 A. M. to 11 A. M., Sunday, at the agency office located at 231 Michigan Avenue.

Any member of the public desiring to protest or support the closing of this office may communicate in writing with The Federal Communications Commission, Washington 25, D. C., on or before January 4, 1950.

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The new gasoline, he said, also cuts engine sputtering and stalling, reduces battery drain and fuel consumption, and gives all the knock-free power the engine can deliver.

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Television advertising includes both live and film commercials on the new Wayne King show sponsored by Standard every week over a midwest network of the National Broadcasting Company.

The roar rose to the rafters. "That's Jim Benson's little girl. What's she waitin' for? Dig you fellers, dig." Men dug, and dug deep. Money was tossed on the table while someone went to harness a pair of horses. Tough guys went into action, touched off by something bigger than themselves. It was Christmas, and they could do something to make somebody happy.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of a certain mortgage made the 4th day of November, 1946, by Robert Brooks and Mary Brooks, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to Grayling State Savings Bank of Grayling, Michigan, as mortgagee, and recorded on November 7, 1946, in the office of the register of deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, in Liber M of mortgages, on page 364, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty (\$1,920.00) Dollars principal and Seventy-five and 51/100 (\$75.51) Dollars interest, and no suit at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday the 7th day of January, 1950, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the circuit court for the county of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage and also the legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee as provided in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage men

tioned and described as follows:

Lot One (1) of Block One (1) of Hadley's Third Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated, September 30, 1949.
Grayling State Savings Bank
By, Margrethe Nielsen, Cashier.

Charles E. Moore
Attorney for Mortgagee
216 Michigan Ave.
Grayling, Mich. 12-22-49

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Order of the Conservation Commission Reducing Daily Limit Trout From Lakes

The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation of trout fishing in inland lakes, recommends certain regulations.

Therefore, the Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 230 P. A., 1925, hereby orders that for a period of five years from January 1, 1950, it shall be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take or possess in one day more than a total of five brook rainbow, or lake trout in

Bate O' Talk

Miss Louise Feldhauser left for Battle Creek, Sunday, where she accepted a position at the Hotel Hostal as nurse anesthetist. Mrs. Rudolph Feldhauser accompanied her and has returned home. Dr. T. E. Glover, optometrist, will be in Grayling at Shoppingtons Annex on Thursday, December 22. For appointment call 386 or 4441.

Mrs. Henry V. Meech and daughter, Miss Bernice, and brother, Charles Fischer, are spending Christmas in Battle Creek with the Arthur Carlson family. Mr. Meech who is in Chicago will join them there for the holiday.

Jim Kumpula is spending the holidays with his parents the West Kumpulas.

Miss Emily Giesling came home from M. S. C. Friday night to spend Christmas vacation with her parents, the Emil Gieslings. Social evening each Sunday at 8 P. M. at St. Mary's. Games will be played. Public invited.

Mrs. G. D. Vallad is spending some time in Flint with the S. Vallads.

The George Griffiths have returned home after spending three weeks in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Miss Gloria Moore is home from visiting her parents, the Mr. and Mrs. Moore, for the holidays.

Mr. E. J. Johnson has returned to Riley, Kansas after spending a few weeks furlough with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson stopped in Pontiac en route to his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Albert Markby and in Holly visit the George Denmans. He is scheduled to go to Japan upon arrival at Ft. Riley.

Mrs. George Lietz was hostess to Tuesday Bridge Club, December 13. Mrs. Bill Joseph held a score and Mrs. Menno Corla low.

Social evening each Sunday at 8 P. M. at St. Mary's. Games will be played. Public invited.

A. J. Rehkopf has gone to Toledo to visit his sons for the winter holidays.

Norman May is home from Mt. Pleasant to spend Christmas with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bugby.

Clare Burns is home from Mt. Pleasant and Dale and Gerald are expected home from Wayne University to spend Christmas with their parents, the E. R. Burns.

Bob Johnson is enjoying the Christmas holiday with his father, E. Johnson.

Larry McNamara is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. McNamara.

The Grayling Laundry and Dry Cleaners has a new delivery truck. The Carl Richardsons drove to Arbor to get their son, Jack, and returned with them to spend the holiday season. James Guire of Detroit accompanied them to spend the week end.

Diek Rasmussen is home from S. C., East Lansing to spend Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen.

John Bruun spent a few days in Lansing and Detroit on business the first of the week.

Walter Heine, new proprietor of Patrick Hotel at Lovells announces that he is changing the name of the hotel to the Lovells Hotel effective immediately.

Mrs. Clara Stroppe and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Marlatt came Sunday to spend the holiday week with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin LeButt family.

Ermer Birdsall left for Detroit Sunday and expects to return Saturday to spend Christmas with the Birdsalls.

Special music Wednesday night, December 21, Hoerl's Tavern, by Hokey, Tex and Curley.

GRAYLING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Week Services

December 24th, Christmas Eve service in Danish, 5 P. M.

December 25th, Christmas Day services, 11 A. M. Junior choir

will sing

December 26th, Christmas tree in church at 7 P. M. for Sunday School, parents, and congregation. Special children's program with moving pictures, Simon Peter, fisherman.

R. L. D. S. Church

Xmas Party

The R. L. D. S. Church entertained the families of the congregation at a Christmas banquet at the Grange Hall, Tuesday evening, December 13. A delicious potluck supper was served to 42, after which a program of Christmas carols by the group, songs and poems by some of the children, and several songs and readings by a duet were enjoyed. Santa then appeared on the scene and gifts from the beautifully lighted tree were exchanged. Also sacks of candy and peanuts furnished by the women's department were given each one present. Ice cream presented by Leslie Hunter and employees of Hunter's Dairy made a delicious topping for the pumpkin pie and was enjoyed by everyone.

M. M. CHURCH

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Michelson Memorial Church was full to brimming on Sunday evening when the Sunday School and Youth Fellowship presented their annual Xmas program. This year's program entitled "Candies For Christmas" was as follows:

Welcome: Belle Allison Song, "Jingle Bells," "Away in a Manger," Kindergarten Dept. Song, "Lights of Christmas"

Youth Fellowship Choir: Responsive reading, Terry Hilton, responses by the choir.

Prayer: Mr. Puffer Song, "Light of the Christmas Candles," Choir Exercise, "To Light His Way"

Second Grade Song, "Little Candles"

Primary Department Exercise, "Little Candles"

Recitation, "Keep It Shining," Mickey Paul Roberts Song, "Christ Shall Give Thee Light," Choir Exercise, "In the Candle Light"

Fourth Grade Song, "A Candle in the Window," Choir Solo: Beatrice Quinn Recitation, "The Christ Light"

Claudette Long Exercise, "Birthdays Candles," Bruce Leng Teddy Horning Song, "Shining For our King," Primary Department Exercise, "For the Infant King"

Kindergarten Class Song, "Christmas Candles"

Fourth Grade Acrostic, "What They Mean"

Third Grade Song, "Whispering Hopes"

Fifth and Sixth Grades Exercise, "Light Up the Hours," Second Grade Recitation, "Light of the World," Kathy Thompson Song, "Light of the World," Choir Exercise, "God Needs Them," Judy Larson, Judy Kenyon Recitation, "The Candle"

Peggy Benware Song, "Lights of the Christmas Tide," Choir Solo, "Holy Night," Betsy Niederer Tableau, "The Nativity," Sixth Grade Song, "Silent Night," Choir

LAKE MARGRETHE

EXTENSION GROUP

The group met at the home of Mrs. Carl Strobel on Wednesday, December 14 for a business meeting and Christmas party. Mrs. Edward Freer and Mrs. Houseman were co-hostesses. Games were played, gifts exchanged and refreshments served.

The next meeting will be January 11 at the home of Mrs. John McMillan with Mrs. Sam Collins as co-hostess.

Students Presented In Recital

Mrs. June Taylor presented her music students in a recital at the Grayling High School Auditorium on Thursday, December 15, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Following is the program:

Kay Ann LaMotte, piano, "Adeste Fideles," Susan Bidvia, vocal, "The Night Before Christmas."

Kay Ann Parkinson, vocal "All Aboard for Santa Claus."

Roger Nelson, piano, "Christmas Jingles."

Deanne Marie Herriek, vocal, "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Hans Andrews, piano, "Christmas Song."

Judy Sorenson, piano, "Noel."

Karen Rasmussen, piano, "Distant Bells," vocal, "All Around the Christmas Tree."

Jeanne Roberts, vocal, "Christopher Robin Is Saying His Prayers," Connie Davis, piano, "A Chinese New Year."

Joanne Cinciala, piano, "Eastern Star," Carol Jane Fenton, piano, "Christmas Dream Melody," Mary Richardson, piano, "Crim-

son Carnations."

Judy Lason, piano, "Christmas Tidings."

Donna Lee Morency, vocal, "Shine Inside."

Andrea Brown, piano, "Christmas Cheer."

Nancy Hilton, piano, "Christmas Message."

Lou Ann McEvers, vocal, "You're All I Want For Christmas."

Caroline Long, piano, "Song at Christmas."

Joanne Andrews, piano, "A Dream of Christmas."

Jacqueline Southwick, "Winter Wonderland."

Bradley Stephan, piano, "Christmas Chimes," vocal, "The Birthday of a King."

Jeanne Lovely, piano, "Chimes at Xmas Times," vocal, "Gesu Bambino."

Greta Rasmussen, piano, "White Xmas."

Betsy Niederer, vocal, "O Holy Night."

Ruth Decker, piano, "Christmas Eve," vocal, "Night of Nights."

"Silent Night," three part harmony chorus. Sopranos, Betsy Niederer, Ruth Decker, Donna Lee Morency, Lorna Newberry, Altos, Lou Ann McEvers and Greta Rasmussen. Tenor, Jean Lovely.

Larry Andrews, Julie Hunter, Caroline Gilbert and Helene Sorenson were among those unable to take part because of illness.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers and their thoughtfulness in our sorrow,

Father Brientein for his comforting words and help, Drs. Peckham and Hayes, Mrs. Stewart Hauxwell, Mrs. Art Clough, Jr., Miss Katherine Nave and all the other nurses and sisters who helped to care for our son, and to the Sorenson Funeral Home. We also wish to thank all those who offered their blood that our darling might live a little longer.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Akers.

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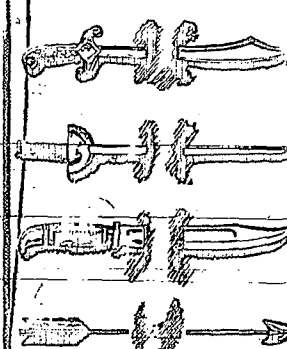


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There Will A vs B Christmas Tree

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—Fifty years ago a President of the United States banned the use of Christmas trees in the White House, because he thought the practice of cutting young evergreens was wasteful.

That order, issued by Theodore Roosevelt, went unchallenged until two of his young sons were caught in the act of smuggling a Christmas tree into the Executive Mansion. To escape their father's presidential wrath they appealed to America's first professional forester and Theodore Roosevelt's good friend, Gifford Pinchot, to intercede for them.

Pinchot did, pointing out that proper cutting of small evergreens for Christmas use is not harmful and frequently actually helps a forest.

That advice, good enough 50 years ago to lift a White House ban and convince a strong-minded president, is echoed this year by no less an authority than the American Forest Products Industries.

"Don't worry about the plight of the poor Christmas tree," says this wood-industry sponsored organization, "it's as replaceable as the Thanksgiving turkey and just as indispensable to the American scene."

Nearly half of the 81 million evergreens that make up America's 1949 Christmas tree harvest were farm produced. Nearly nine-tenths of the entire crop was cut on privately owned timberland. To augment this domestic Christmas tree harvest, about five million evergreens are imported annually, most of them from Canada.

Besides bringing a fragrant freshness of the forest into two out of every three American homes this December, the three-month Christmas tree harvest pours an estimated 50 million dollars into the Nation's economic bloodstream.

Most American Christmas trees are thinned from natural growth forests. An original stand of from five to ten thousand trees per acre will actually mature only a few hundred sawlog-size trees. Most of the small evergreens, selectively cut for Christmas sale, would sooner or later have been eliminated by Nature in the life and death struggle for forest space.

When it comes to selecting a Christmas tree, most Americans have as many individual likes and dislikes as they have in motor cars or hats. Color, limb strength, shape, compactness, fragrance, an



These spruce trees from Northern Minnesota's second-growth forests will bring Christmas cheer into homes all over America. This scene typifies the holiday forest harvest just completed. (Holtzman-Traen, Photo)

ability to retain needles and, of course, price are factors.

Best seller on the Christmas tree market today is the balsam fir, a product of New England and Northeastern United States. About six and one-half million of these are sold in an average year. Douglas fir, products of the Pacific Coast, are the second most popular. Black spruce, red cedar and white spruce follow in that order. Together these make up 83 percent of all Christmas trees sold in the United States. Scotch pine, Southern pine, red spruce, Virginia pine, white fir, Norway spruce, hemlock, cypress, juniper and Englemann spruce also are marketed in commercial quantities.

Historians disagree over how and when this Christmas tree business started in America. Home-sick Hessian soldiers, brought over from Germany by the British to fight George Washington's Continental Army, probably introduced the custom.

Another German, the sixteenth-century religious leader Martin Luther, generally is credited with originating the custom of decorating Christmas trees with lights. Noting how snowflakes on the boughs of evergreen trees reflected moonlight, Martin Luther determined to capture the same effect in his home by placing lighted candles on the tree. The idea spread through the centuries.

This Christmas eve, just as they have since 1828, people will gather around an evergreen tree on the White House lawn to participate in a tree lighting ceremony dedicated by the President and broadcast nationally.

Forestry-wise the United States has traveled a full circle since Theodore Roosevelt's day. Christmas trees, like sawlogs and pulpwood, have become a crop in America. This country's forests, if protected and wisely managed, can produce both wood and Christmas trees in quantities sufficient to meet present as well as future needs.

visiting her parents, the George Hortons, the past two weeks, returned with her husband Sunday to their home at Walled Lake.

Lloyd Welch is home from his job on the lakes for a vacation with his family.

Week end visitors at the Murphy's were Louis Murphy, Emil Tahvonen and Oscar Cherron with their families from Saginaw.

Pete Harmer is still on the sick list.

Roy and Bertha Lance of Fredrick spent Saturday at the home of Arthur Babcock at Lewiston.

Rabbit hunting is still the pastime around Fredrick.

The Sportsmen's Club house in Fredrick just received a house cleaning and is now getting a new coat of siding on the inside.

Say kiddies, all under 10 years of age and under don't forget the Moms are having a special Xmas tree for you at the Town Hall this week Saturday afternoon. They are planning a lot of fun for each one of you. So you had better be there.

It pays to shop at Kreuger's Grocery. December 9, Mrs. Wm. Cox was the lucky winner of \$5 and the 16th Harold Babbitt won the \$5 worth of groceries.

Lyle Gilbert and children of Bay City spent Saturday with the Harold Gilberts at Waters.

Lylon Cherron was on the sick list the past week.

John Payne of Indiana is visiting friends and relatives in Fredrick.

Bill Leng and wife also Allen Leng motored to Detroit Monday morning on business and will return Tuesday.

Cleo Hinkle, wife and son will spend Xmas with relatives in Jackson. Erve Horner will be in charge of their Tavern during their absence.

Wonder what occasion Lefty Johnson was celebrating over the week end?

The Ladies Auxiliary are giving a Christmas party at the Town Hall, Saturday, December 24th from 2 to 4 P. M. This is for all the children in and near Fredrick up to and including ten years of age. There will be a Christmas tree and each child will receive a treat. Any child who is unable to come will have their treat brought to them. Come on kids, be sure and come to the hall. Santa Claus may find time to drop in on you there although he is a pretty busy man these days.

Eddie Jungman and Chick Welch are home from the Lakes. Arnos Hoest and George Hanson were Frederic visitors Sunday night. Also Clarence Zykyski and Don Brown.

The Elmer Kellogg's are having some pinocle sessions these winter evenings. Seems Harry O'Dell and Dorothy are giving Elmer and Alan Leng some lesson in the fine art of the game.

Jerry Hinkle was on the sick list Friday, thereby missing out on playing in the basketball game Friday night with Johannesburg.

Grayling Bowling League

Men's Division	
1. Hoerl's Tavern	32
2. Ron's Hardware	28
3. Keg O'Nails	28
4. Long's Market	27
5. Sorensons	26
6. Hanson's Chevrolet	25
7. AuSable Hotel	24
8. Davis Jewelry	22
9. Bruun's Insurance	22
10. Altes Lager	21
11. Grayling Restaurant	21
12. Pure Oil Co.	19
13. Clough Realty	18
14. Wayside Inn	15
15. Tufts Texaco	14
16. Long's Coffee Shoppe	12

Clarence Lange with a 223 and Lloyd Gierke with a 599 lead the bowling in individual single and series for the week, respectively. Frank Bennett was second in the singles with 222 with 8 others hitting better than 200. The Coffee Shoppe's Vinson was second in series with 381 with 18 others hitting better than the 500 mark for 3 games.

Individual and team highs for the season were not threatened during the week's rolling and Don Bishop continued his lead in the average race with 176. Matt Bidvia is second with 175. Bob Bennett moved up to third with 169. The next four places all have averages of 168 but are separated by extra pins: Vinson fourth, Dave Cook fifth, Al Cherven sixth and Duke Dudewicz seventh. In eighth position is Charley Long with 166.17, while Jack Wade is ninth also with 166.17. George Quinn is in tenth with a 166.25 average.

Women's Division	
December 13, 1949	
1. Hansons	33 15
2. Tip Top Togs	32 16
3. Spikes	29 19
4. Dawsons	28 20
5. Sorensons	28 20
6. Shirley Shoppe	27 21
7. Horse Shoe Lake Inn	27 21
8. Plaza Grill	26 22
9. Bear Archery	24 24

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O. P. Schumann

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Mrs. C. G. Clippert on the organ. Honorary pallbearers, all business associates and close friends of the deceased were: Clarence Roberts, representative of Grayling Masonic Lodge; Earl Burns, representative of the Kiwanis Club; Dr. C. R. Keyport, Dr. C. G. Clippert, A. M. Lewis, John Bruun, Charles Canfield, Robert Gillette, A. J. Joseph, Esbern Hanson, Emil Giegling, Roy Milnes, Fred Welsh, Sr., T. P. Peterson, Arnold S. Burrows, Earl Dawson, Benjamin Jerome, Holger Hanson, Alfred Hanson, Charles Moore, Wilhelm Rase, George Burke, Carl W. Johnson, George Olson and Dr. Stanley A. Stealy. Active pallbearers were Leonard Knibbs, Fred Welsh, Jr., William Joseph, Willard Cornell, Thomas Welsh and John H. Peterson. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Survivors besides the widow are three daughters, Mrs. Helen Wilkinson of Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Mary Bauer of Saginaw, and Mrs. Eleanor Smith of Grand Haven; two sisters, Mrs. D. C. Bronson of Hastings and Mrs. Charles Carroll of Detroit; three brothers, Edmond of Seattle, Washington, Frank of Eagle Rock, California, and C. R. of Sacramento, California, and six grandchildren.

Although the sympathy expressed to the family in floral of-

ferings were very extensive, many were buying books for the Crawford County Library in memory of Oscar P. Schumann, editor and civic leader, the family said.

As a mark of respect to the former publisher, all business houses in Grayling closed on Tuesday from 1:30 until 3 P. M.

Bits O' Talk

A quick but not complete check of the business places in Grayling this week revealed that most of them plan on being closed all day Monday—Be sure to buy accordingly this week end.

State Police Sgt. Verne C. Dagen of the Grand Haven State Police Post has been promoted to Lieutenant and moved to the Rockford Post as assistant commander. Lt. Dagen is well known in Grayling, having at one time been at the Houghton Lake Post and spent quite a lot of time here.

Pre-inventory Clearance sale—now until Christmas at Margot's Gift Shop, across from Spikes, 1/4 to 1/2 off on hundreds of items.

Saturday evening a number of friends of Mrs. Hattie Moshier gathered at her home in celebration of her birthday. Pinocle was enjoyed with prizes given to Frank Serven and Mrs. George Wiggins for high. The low prizes were given to Mrs. Frank Serven and George Wiggins. Dainty refreshments were served.

COUNTY NEWS

The Moms and their husbands Xmas party held December 15 at the Frederic Town Hall was a complete success. Everyone present had a good time. Community singing and games were in play. Gifts were distributed, then a delicious lunch was served by the committee.

Johnnie Harmer was home from Flint over the week end.

Mrs. Arval Cox, who has been

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Creamed Cottage Cheese	21c Pkg.
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Pts. 29c	Qts. 59c

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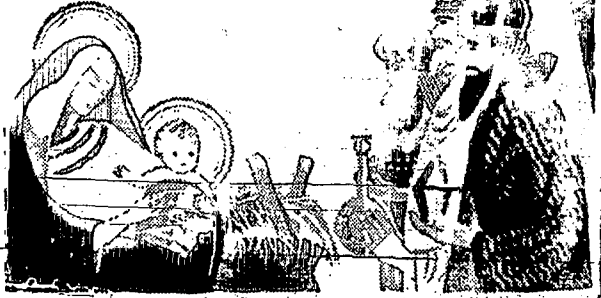
Due to so many inquiries in the past about milk deliveries in Grayling, we are now fully equipped to take care of the situation. Anyone wishing deliveries, either wholesale or retail, phone.

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